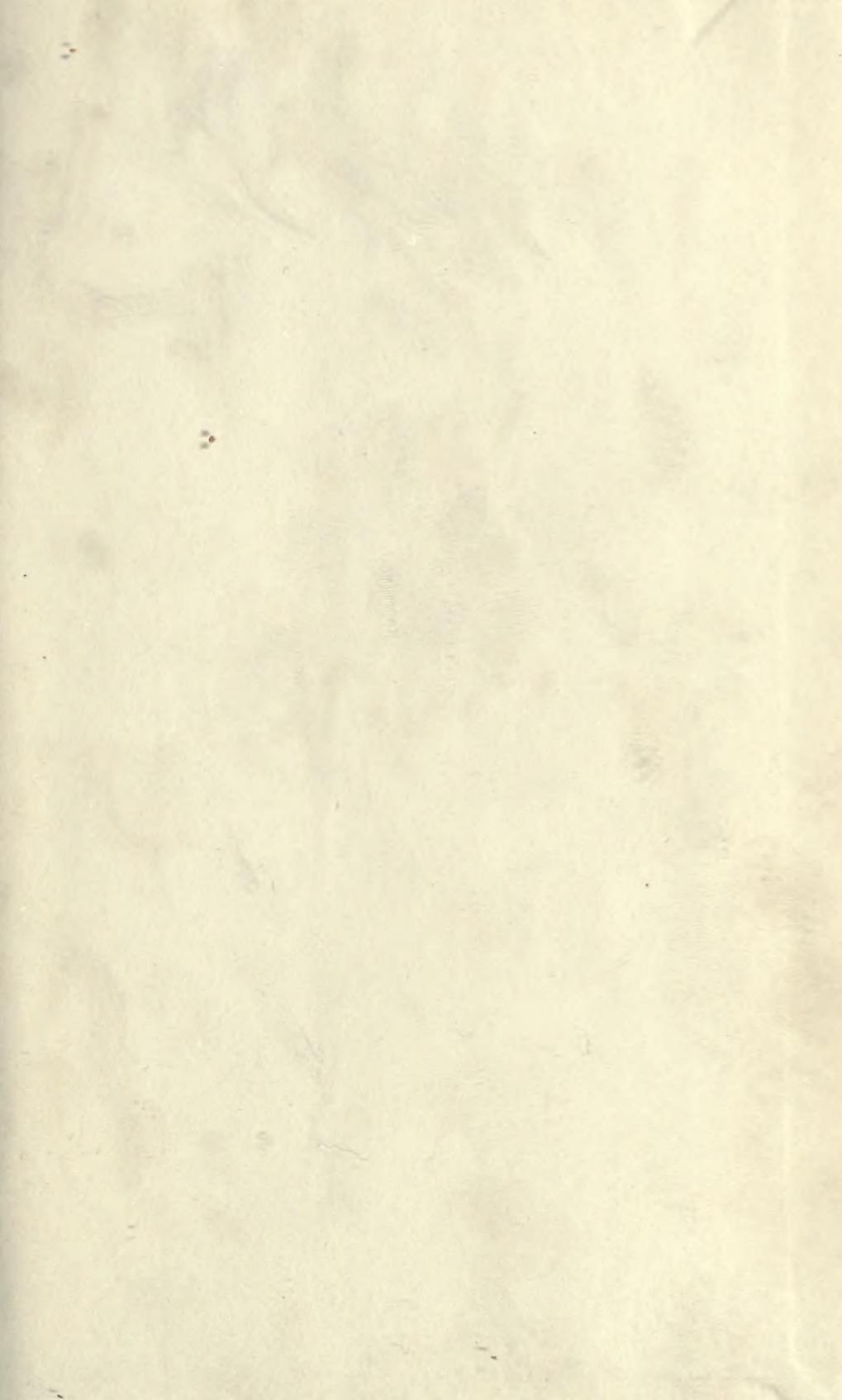


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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

THE present work represents the fulfilment of the undertaking announced in the preface to 'Biblical Essays' a year and a half ago. As that volume consisted of introductory essays upon New Testament subjects, so this comprises such of Dr Lightfoot's notes on the text as in the opinion of the Trustees of the Lightfoot Fund are sufficiently complete to justify publication. However, unlike 'Biblical Essays,' of which a considerable part had already been given to the world, this volume, as its title-page indicates, consists entirely of unpublished matter. It aims at reproducing, wherever possible, the courses of lectures delivered at Cambridge by Dr Lightfoot upon those Pauline Epistles which he did not live to edit in the form of complete commentaries. His method of trusting to his memory in framing sentences in the lecture room has been alluded to already in the preface to the previous volume. But here again the Editor's difficulty has been considerably lessened by the kindness of friends who were present at the lectures and have placed their note-books at the disposal of the Trustees. As on the previous occasion, the thanks of the Trustees are especially due to W. P. Turnbull, Esq., formerly Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge and now one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools, and to the Rev. H. F. Gore-Booth, Rector of Sacred Trinity, Salford; and the notes lent for the present work by the Right Reverend F. Wallis, D.D., Senior Fellow of Gonville

and Caius College and Lord Bishop of Wellington, New Zealand, and by the Rev. A. Lukyn Williams, Chaplain and Head of the London Mission of the Jews' Society, have been of great service. Those who attended Dr Lightfoot's lectures will recollect that he was accustomed to deliver them slowly, thus rendering it possible for a fast writer to take them down almost word for word. The materials thus rendered available have been carefully compared with the original draft. The Editor feels confident that the result may be accepted as representing with fair accuracy the Bishop's actual words.

The above explanation applies to the notes on the Two Epistles to the Thessalonians, and on the first seven chapters (for no more is here published) of the First Epistle to the Corinthians and of the Epistle to the Romans. In the case of the fragment of the Epistle to the Ephesians (Eph. i. 1—14) no qualification is necessary; for in this case the Bishop's manuscript is written out fully, just as he intended it for publication in his contemplated edition of that Epistle. It thus represents his final judgment on these verses.

In a few places, quotations, carefully specified, have been inserted from Dr Lightfoot's book 'On a Fresh Revision of the English New Testament' (3rd Edition with an additional appendix, 1891), a work which, though published with a special purpose, yet contains a great amount of New Testament exegesis of permanent value.

The Trustees gladly take the opportunity of again expressing their thanks to the officers and workmen of the University Press for their intelligent criticism and their unfailing courtesy.

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THE EPISTLES OF ST PAUL.

I.

THE SECOND APOSTOLIC JOURNEY.

I.

FIRST EPISTLE TO THE THESSALONIANS.

SURELY I COME QUICKLY.

*Surely He cometh, and a thousand voices
Shout to the saints and to the deaf are dumb;
Surely He cometh, and the earth rejoices,
Glad in His coming, Who hath sworn, I come.*

Ad hoc regnum me vocare,
Juste Judex, tu dignare,
Quem expecto, quem requiro,
Ad quem avidus suspiro.

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CHAPTER I.

I. SALUTATION, i. i.

THE prefatory salutations in all the acknowledged Epistles of St Paul are the same in their broad features, though exhibiting minor variations often very significant. These variations may most frequently be traced to the peculiar relations existing between the Apostle and those whom he addresses. Even in other instances where the motives which have influenced the choice of the particular expression are too subtle to be apprehended, the differences of expression are still significant from a chronological point of view, as denoting a particular epoch in the Apostle's life. We have examples of both kinds in the salutation to the Epistle; of the former in the omission of any allusion to his Apostleship, of the latter in the expression *τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ*.

In this salutation the Apostle attaches the names of Silvanus and Timotheus to his own. They were staying with him at Corinth at the time when the letter was written (see Acts xviii. 5, 2 Cor. i. 19), and as they were joint founders of the Thessalonian Church (see Acts xi. 1—3, xvii. 4, 10, 14), are naturally named in conjunction with him. The degree of participation in the contents of the letter on the part of those, whose names are thus attached, will vary according to the circumstances of the case. Here, for instance, the connexion is close; for Silvanus and Timotheus (the former especially) stood very much in the same position as St Paul himself with respect to the claim which they had on the obedience of their Thessalonian converts: and thus the Apostle throughout uses the plural ‘*we* beseech,’ ‘*we* would not have you ignorant’ (iv. 1, 13). On the other hand, in the First Epistle to the Corinthians, the name of Sosthenes appears with that of St Paul in the introductory salutation simply as a Corinthian brother who was with St Paul at the time. Accordingly, as he did not stand in any position of authority, he has no special connexion with the contents of the Epistle, and does not reappear again directly or indirectly, but the Apostle at once returns to the singular, ‘*I* thank my God’ (1 Cor. i. 4).

The name of Silvanus is placed before that of Timotheus, not only because he held a superior position in the Church generally—he was a leading man among the brethren ἀνὴρ ἥγούμενος ἐν τοῖς ἀδελφοῖς (Acts xv. 22), while Timotheus was only a young disciple (Acts xvi. 1 sq.)—but also because he took a more prominent part in founding these very churches of Macedonia (Acts xvi. 19, 25, 29, xvii. 4, 10).

I. [Παῦλος] On the omission of the official title ἀπόστολος in both Epistles to the Thessalonians, as well as in those to the Philippians and to Philemon, see the note on Phil. i. 1.

Σιλουανός] So called wherever he is mentioned by St Paul (e.g. 2 Thess. i. 1, 2 Cor. i. 19), is to be identified with Silas of the Acts. This appears from the identity of situation ascribed to the two in the historical narrative and the allusions in the Epistle. Later tradition distinguishes Silas from Silvanus, making the former Bishop of Corinth, the latter of Thessalonica. The multiplication of persons is not uncommon in ecclesiastical legends, where it was necessary to make up a list of bishops—though in the parallel instance of Epaphras and Epaphroditus there is better ground for the distinction of persons.

The name Silas is contracted from Σιλοναρός, as Λουκᾶς from Λουκανός, Παρμενᾶς from Παρμενίδης, Δημᾶς from Δήμαρχος or Δημήτριος, this contraction applying equally to Greek and Latin names and without respect to their termination. See the note on Νυμφᾶς (*Colossians*, p. 242), where instances are given from inscriptions. Similar contractions are found in classical writers also, Ἀλεξᾶς for Ἀλέξανδρος, Κτῆσις for Κτησίας, Νίκις for Νικίας, Σίβυρτις for Σιβύρτιος (see the examples given in Schoemann on *Isaeus* p. 274 quoted by Koch p. 50). Waddington (*Voyage en Asie-Mineure*, 1853, p. 32) instances the form Ἀρτᾶς (Thuc. vii. 33, Boeckh *C. I. G.* III. no. 3960 b) as a further contraction of Ἀρτεμᾶς, itself contracted from Ἀρτεμίδωρος. Letronne (*Recueil des Inscriptions Grecques et Latines*, 1848, II. p. 54) gives among other examples Μηνᾶς for Μηνόδωρος, Κλεοπᾶς for Κλεόπατρος, Ζηνᾶς for Ζηνόδωρος, and a number of words in -ᾶς contracted from -έας, Πρωτᾶς, Φιλωτᾶς, Ἀριστᾶς, Σωτᾶς, Σαυρᾶς etc., with genitives in -αρος. On the other hand Jerome (*de nom. Hebr.* s. v.) considers Silas to be the original Hebrew name πִילֵשׁ equivalent to 'apostolus'; comp. his commentary on Gal. i. 1 (Op. VII. p. 374). It appears as a Jewish name in Josephus (*Ant.* XIV. 3. 2, XVIII. 6. 7, XIX. 7. 1), and in inscriptions, e.g. Boeckh *C. I. G.* III. no. 4511 Σαμσιγέραμος ὁ καὶ Σείλας (Emesa). The name Silvanus also is not uncommon in inscriptions; it occurs e.g. Orelli no. 2566 and on an inscription found at Ancyra (Boeckh III. no. 4071).

Silas first appears in the narrative of the Acts in the account of the Apostolic Congress (xv. 22), on which occasion he is employed with Judas, as bearer of the letter to the Gentile Christians at Antioch. He subsequently accompanies St Paul, as it would appear, during the whole of his second missionary journey, only parting from him in order to

maintain his intercourse with the Macedonian Churches (see *Biblical Essays*, p. 245 sq.). He is not mentioned as accompanying St Paul, when the Apostle left Corinth at the close of this second missionary journey, nor is his name found subsequently in St Luke's narrative. He was obviously a Jewish Christian (Acts xvi. 20), but, like St Paul, a Roman citizen (Acts xvi. 37, 38). Hence his Roman name Silvanus. The Silvanus mentioned as the bearer of St Peter's first Epistle (1 Pet. v. 12) is probably the same person, but the name is too common to allow of the identity being pressed. See on this point Bleek, *Hebr.* I. B, p. 408, and on Silas generally Cellarius, *dissert. de Sila viro apost.* 1773, referred to by Koch *ad loc.*, Cureton, *Syriac Gospels*, p. viii., Zimmer, *Jahrb. f. Prot. Theol.* 1881, p. 721, Jülicher *ib.* 1882, p. 538, Seufert *Zeitsch. f. Wiss. Theol.* XXVIII. 1885, p. 350, and Klöpper, *Theol. Stud. u. Skizz.* 1889, p. 73 sq.

Τιμόθεος] Timotheus appears prominently in ten out of the thirteen Epistles of St Paul, the exceptions being Galatians, Colossians and Titus. Having joined St Paul about a year before this, his earliest Epistle, was written, he remained with him with occasional interruptions to the end of his life.

τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ Θ.] This form of address is peculiar to the five earliest of St Paul's Epistles, 1, 2 Thessalonians, 1, 2 Corinthians, and Galatians. His later letters to Christian communities are addressed *τοῖς ἀγίοις* or *τοῖς ἀδελφοῖς*, or in some similar way. Until a satisfactory explanation is given of this variation, we must be content with its significance as a chronological mark. Dr Jowett accounts for the omission in the later Epistles as follows, 'perhaps because to the Apostle, in his later years, the Church on earth seemed already passing into the heavens' (*The Epistles of St Paul*, I. p. 43, 2nd ed.).

Θεσσαλονικῶν] The history of Thessalonica and of the establishment of Christianity there is treated fully in *Biblical Essays*, pp. 235 sq., 251 sq.

ἐν Θεῷ πατρὶ...Χριστῷ] It is doubtful whether these words should be taken (1) with *τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ Θ.*, as denoting the sphere in which the Church moved; or (2) separately, as applying to the word understood in the ellipsis, whether *χαίρειν* or *γράφονται*. The clause *ἀπὸ Θεοῦ πατρὸς κ.τ.λ.* is probably not genuine: otherwise it would decide in favour of the first construction by which a meaningless tautology would be avoided. On the other hand the absence of the article *τῆ* before *ἐν Θεῷ κ.τ.λ.* is by no means decisive against the first construction, for the New Testament usage is far from uniform in this respect; see ii. 14, iv. 16, 2 Thess. iii. 14, and the note on Gal. i. 13 (*ἀναστροφήν ποτε*). On the whole probably we should connect with *τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ*; for *first* it is more in accordance with St Paul's manner, in designating those whom he addresses, to add some words expressive of their calling in God and Christ, as a comparison with the salutation in his other Epistles will show; and *secondly* the word *τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ* can scarcely have been stamped with so definite a Christian

meaning in the minds of these recent and early converts to the Gospel, as to render the addition of the words *ἐν Θεῷ πατρὶ κ.τ.λ.* superfluous. As St Chrysostom says, who adopts the construction here preferred in his comment on the passage, it was necessary to distinguish it from *πολλὰ ἐκκλησίαι καὶ Ἰουδαϊκαὶ καὶ Ἑλληνικαί*. See e.g. 1 Thess. ii. 14, and the note there on the word *ἐκκλησία*.

χάρις ὑμῖν καὶ εἰρήνῃ] This peculiarly Christian greeting is generally regarded as a blending together of the heathen form of salutation *χαιρεῖν*, and the Jewish *בָּרוּךְ*. But *χάρις* has only the very slenderest connexion with *χαιρεῖν* in respect to meaning, though derived from a common root. *Χάρις* is the source of all real blessings, *εἰρήνη* their end and issue.

This is the form of greeting adopted in all St Paul's Epistles (with the exception of those to Timothy), and in the Epistles of St Peter. In the two Pastoral Epistles above, and in 2 Joh. 3, the form is *χάρις, ἔλεος, εἰρήνη*. Perhaps it is no idle fancy to trace in the additional touch of tenderness communicated by *ἔλεος* in these later Epistles a sense of the growing evils which threatened the Church. Clement of Rome begins his genuine epistle with the salutation *χάρις ὑμῖν καὶ εἰρήνη ἀπὸ παντοκράτορος Θεοῦ διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ πληθυνθείη*, probably following the First Epistle of Peter, which he quotes frequently. On the other hand, in the Ignatian Epistles the regular expression is *πλεῖστα χαίρειν*.

2. NARRATIVE PORTION, i. 2—iii. 13.

i. Grateful record of their conversion and progress (i. 2—10).

2. In almost all the Epistles of St Paul the salutation is followed immediately by a thanksgiving, generally in the form *εὐχαριστῶ, εὐχαριστοῦμεν τῷ Θεῷ* (in 2 Thess. *εὐχαριστεῖν ὁφειλούμεν*), but twice (2 Cor. and Ephesians) *εὐλογητὸς ὁ Θεός*. This was always St Paul's first thought (*πρώτον μὲν εὐχαριστῶ*, Rom. i. 8), and how lofty a view he took of the duty of thanksgiving appears from 2 Cor. iv. 15, ix. 11, 12, and below v. 16, where see note. This thanksgiving is omitted only in the Pastoral Epistles (with the exception of 2 Timothy, where it is found in a modified form) and Galatians. In the Epistle last mentioned its place is occupied by a rebuke *Θαυμάζω ὅτι οὕτω ταχέως κ.τ.λ.* In this, as in other cases (see e.g. above on ver. 1), the expressions in our Epistle most resemble those in the Philippians letter in the strength of language and the earnest reiteration of the sentiment: see *Philippians*, pp. 66, 82. Pelagius well marks: 'In indesinenti oratione, memoriae quantitas et dilectionis ostenditur, quam eorum merita postulabant.'

Dr Jowett points to this passage (i. 2—10) as thoroughly characteristic

of St Paul's style. He remarks admirably: 'A classical or modern writer distinguishes his several propositions, assigning to each its exact relation to what goes before and follows, that he may give meaning and articulation to the whole. The manner of St Paul is the reverse of this. He overlays one proposition with another, the second just emerging beyond the first, and arising out of association with it, but not always standing in a clear relation to it' (I. p. 45).

εὐχαριστούμεν] 'We,' i.e. Paul, Silvanus and Timotheus. On this word it may be remarked, as to (1) *its occurrence*, that it seems to be very rare in authors of the classical period and no instance has been pointed out of it in Attic Greek. It appears in Hippocrates *Eph.* II. p. 1284, *σώσων ἀνθρώπους κεραυνοῖς εὐχαριστηται*, and in inscriptions, especially a very old one Boeckh, *C. I. G.* I. no. 34, and in the decrees (if they be genuine) attached to Demosthenes (e.g. p. 257, 2, the *Ψήφισμα Χερρονησίων* in the *de Corona*, p. 92). *Εὐχάριστος* however is found in Xen. *Cyrop.* viii. 3. 49 and *ἀκαριστεῖν* is common. (2) *Its use.* The original meaning of the verb is 'to do a good turn to,' hence 'to return a favour,' 'to be grateful'; but the sense 'to express gratitude' seems to be confined to later writers from the time of Polybius onwards. See Lobeck on Phrynicus, I. p. 18. In Demosth. *de Cor.* 92 οὐκ ἐλλείψει εὐχαριστῶν καὶ ποιῶν ὅ τι ἀν δύνηται ἀγαθόν, it is unnecessary to assign this meaning to the word.

The exact punctuation of these verses is doubtful. If the second *ὑμῶν* (after *μνείαν*) were genuine, the first clause would naturally end with *περὶ πάντων ὑμῶν*. But *ὑμῶν* is not read by ΚΑΒ etc. and should be omitted here and in Eph. i. 16. Accordingly the words *περὶ πάντων ὑμῶν* are better taken with what follows; because the words *μνείαν ποιούμενοι* cannot well stand alone, but need some explanation, such as is found e.g. in Plato, *Protag.* 317 E, where they are constructed with the genitive. It is more difficult to determine whether *ἀδιαλείπτως* is to be taken with what precedes or what follows. A comparison with Rom. i. 9 ὡς ἀδιαλείπτως *μνείαν ὑμῶν ποιοῦμαι* supports the former view: but in all such cases the requirements of the sentence itself are a safer guide than parallel passages; and the position of the words seems at first sight to favour the construction with *μνημονεύοντες* as the Greek commentators appear generally to have done. But on the whole it is more forcible to connect the word with what goes before, and this view is borne out by 2 Tim. i. 3 ὡς ἀδιάλειπτον ἔχω τὴν περὶ σοῦ *μνείαν*.

μνείαν ποιεῖσθαι] While *μνήμη* is 'memory' generally, *μνεία* is 'remembrance' in a special case, and may be defined to be 'the direction of *μνήμη* to some particular object.' Thus, while *μνήμη* may be used for *μνεία*, it is not true conversely that *μνεία* can take the place of *μνήμη*.

Mnēian ποιεῖσθαι is found in three other passages of St Paul (Rom. i. 9, Eph. i. 16, Philem. 4), and always, as here, in connexion with prayer. In 2 Pet. i. 15 the words are *μνήμην ποιεῖσθαι*. Bruder indeed mentions a v. l. *μνείαν*, but it has very little textual support. It is questionable

whether *μνείαν ποιεῖσθαι* means ‘to remember,’ or ‘to mention.’ Either sense would equally suit the passages where the phrase occurs. In favour of ‘remember’ it may be urged (1) that *μνήμην ποιεῖσθαι* has certainly this sense in 2 Pet. i. c., and (2) that in a parallel passage in 2 Tim. i. 3 St Paul speaking in the same way of his thanksgiving uses *μνείαν ἔχειν*, which can only mean ‘to remember.’ On the other hand, Plato (*Protag.* 317 E, *Phaedr.* 254 A) employs *μνείαν ποιεῖσθαι* for ‘to mention,’ and so do other writers (e.g. Æschines and Andocides). It is safer therefore to give the phrase this meaning in St Paul. Certainly it makes better sense here, ‘making mention incessantly, as we remember.’ It will be seen that this signification of ‘mention’ is not contained in *μνεία*, but is derived from *ποιεῖσθαι*. For *μνήμην ποιεῖσθαι* in the sense of ‘making mention’ comp. *Clem. Hom.* i. 16 παντὰ γὰρ...ἡμῖν ἀντέβαλε Βαρνάβας, σχεδὸν καθ' ἡμέραν τὴν ἀγάθην του ποιούμενος μνήμην.

[*ἀδιαλείπετως*] See the note on v. 17.

3. *μνημονεύοντες*] ‘remembering.’ The word is sometimes translated ‘making mention of’; but verbs of ‘informing’ (according to Winer, § 30, 10, p. 257 ed. Moulton) are never found in the New Testament with a simple genitive but with *περί*, and *μνημονεύειν* is always used by St Paul in the sense of ‘remember’ (Gal. ii. 10, Col. iv. 18; comp. Eph. ii. 11, 2 Thess. ii. 5, 2 Tim. ii. 8).

[*ἱμῶν*] is the possessive genitive referring to all three clauses which follow—*τοῦ ἐργ. τ. π., τοῦ κοπ. τῆς ἀγ., τῆς ὑπομ. τῆς ἐλπ.*

[*τοῦ ἐργοῦ τῆς πίστεως κ.τ.λ.*] The three genitives *πίστεως*, *ἀγάπης*, *ἐλπίδος* are best regarded as cases of the same kind describing the source—‘the work which comes of faith, the labour which springs from love, the patience which is born of hope.’ This triad of Christian graces is distinctly enunciated by St Paul in 1 Cor. xiii. 13 only, but the same conception underlies the Apostle’s language frequently, even where the words are not directly mentioned. The combination is especially to be noticed as occurring in this his earliest Epistle. The same order is found in Col. i. 4, 5 ἀκούσαντες τὴν πίστιν ἱμῶν...καὶ τὴν ἀγάπην...διὰ τὴν ἐλπίδα and in Gal. v. 5, 6, where see note. On the other hand, in 1 Cor. xiii. 13 the sequence is different, *ἀγάπη* being placed last. Each order is equally natural in its place. Here we have *first* faith, the source of all Christian virtues, *secondly* love, the sustaining principle of Christian life, *lastly* hope, the beacon-star guiding us to the life to come. This prominence given to hope is in accordance with the pervading tenour of the Thessalonian Epistles, where the Apostle is ever leading the minds of his hearers forward to the great day of retribution (see 1 Thess. v. 8, where again the triad is found). ‘*Ἐλπίς* is closely connected with *σωτηρία* (1 Thess. v. 8) and with *δόξα* (Rom. v. 2, Col. i. 27), and indeed is sometimes used as equivalent to *ἐλπίς σωτηρίας* ‘the hope of glory, of salvation,’ e.g. Acts xxiii. 6 (a speech of St Paul’s) *περὶ ἐλπίδος καὶ ἀναστάσεως νεκρῶν ἐγὼ κρίνομαι.* In 1 Cor. xiii. 13, on the other hand, the prominent position

is given to ἀγάπη, which alone shall abide when faith is swallowed up in sight and hope is dissolved in fulfilment. On the fundamental distinction of the two graces in the present passage Severianus (in Cramer's Catena) says well, ή μὲν πίστις ἔγειρε πρὸς καμάτους, η δὲ ἀγάπη ἐπιμένει ποιεῖ τοῖς πόνοις. Compare Ignatius *Polyc.* 6 η πίστις ὡς περικεφαλαία, η ἀγάπη ὡς δόρυ, η ὑπομονὴ ὡς πανοπλία, and Polycarp's own words (*Phil.* 3) πίστιν, ἥτις ἔστιν μήτηρ πάντων ἡμῶν, ἐπακολουθούσης τῆς ἐλπίδος, προαγούσης τῆς ἀγάπης, where προαγούσης is used in reference to ἐλπίς, not to πίστις, for πίστις precedes ἀγάπη: see Ign. *Ephes.* 14 ἀρχὴ μὲν πίστις, τέλος δὲ ἀγάπη. In the Epistle of Barnabas the same triad is also found, § 1, ὅτι μεγάλη πίστις καὶ ἀγάπη ἔγκατοικεῖ ἐν ὑμῖν ἐλπίδι ζωῆς αὐτοῦ. See the notes on Col. i. 5, Polyc. l. c. and comp. Reuss *Théol. Chrét.* IV. 20, vol. II. p. 219.

On the order of these results (ἔργον, κόπος, ὑπομονὴ) see Rev. ii. 2 οἴδα τὰ ἔργα σου καὶ τὸν κόπον καὶ τὴν ὑπομονὴν σου. The words are distinguishable in meaning, and are arranged in an ascending scale as practical proofs of self-sacrifice. ἔργον is simply active work; κόπος is a greater exhibition of earnestness, for it is not work only but fatiguing work; ὑπομονὴ is higher evidence still, for it involves a notion of indignity offered, of suffering undergone without any present countervailing result. Thus it is βασιλὶς τῶν ἀρετῶν, as Chrysostom says (see Trench, *N. T. Syn.* § liii. p. 197 ed. 9).

On the appropriateness of the results to the graces, notice that ἔργον is elsewhere represented as the practical fruit and evidence of faith, see Gal. v. 6, James ii. 18; κόπος is closely connected with ἀγάπη in Rev. l. c., where in ver. 4 τὴν ἀγάπην σου τὴν πρώτην seems to be a direct reference to τὸν κόπον of ver. 2 (see also a v. l. in Heb. vi. 10, where however the words τοῦ κόπου should probably be omitted). Again ὑπομονὴ 'the patient endurance which bides its time' implies the existence of hope, comp. Rom. viii. 25 ἐπίζομεν δι' ὑπομονῆς ἀπεκδεχόμεθα and xv. 4; and indeed is sometimes found where we should expect ἐλπίς, as in 2 Thess. iii. 5 εἰς τὴν ὑπομονὴν τοῦ Χριστοῦ, and Tit. ii. 2 τῇ πίστει, τῇ ἀγάπῃ, τῇ ὑπομονῇ. See the note on Ign. *Rom.* 10 ἐν ὑπομονῇ 'I. X.', and on the distinction between ὑπομονὴ and μακροθυμία the note on Col. i. II.

τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν 'Ι. Χ.] As it would be somewhat harsh to make these words depend on all three words πίστεως, ἀγάπης, ἐλπίδος, we must suppose the parallelism of the three clauses interrupted by the third being lengthened out by means of the explanatory words τοῦ Κυρίου κ.τ.λ., i.e. 'the hope of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.'

Ἐμπροσθεν τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ πατρὸς ἡμῶν] Is this clause to be taken (1) with μημονεύοντες, or (2) with τοῦ ἔργον...Χριστοῦ, or (3) only with τῆς ὑπομονῆς...Ἴησοῦ Χριστοῦ? In favour of the first view may be urged the fact that in iii. 9 we have ἐμπροσθεν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν in a similar connexion. But on the other hand μημονεύοντες ἐμπροσθεν τοῦ Θεοῦ would be unnecessarily tautological after εὐχαριστοῦμεν τῷ Θεῷ, nor is it easy to see why ἐμπροσθεν

τοῦ Θεοῦ should stand so late in the sentence. Again the two other constructions are much more in accordance with the general use of *ἔμπροσθεν τοῦ Θεοῦ*, *ἐνώπιον τοῦ Θεοῦ*, appealing to God's witness and judgment of conduct concealed from, or misinterpreted by men. It is thus equivalent to 'your righteous conversation in the sight of God.' It is less easy to choose between (2) and (3). On the whole, if *τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν* I. X. is restricted to *τῆς ὑπομονῆς τῆς ἐλπίδος*, the same restriction probably applies to *ἔμπροσθεν τοῦ Θεοῦ* 'the patient endurance of hope which reposes in the coming of Christ and is manifested in the sight of God.' The words *ἔμπροσθεν τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ π. ἡμῶν* are then complementary to *'Ιησοῦν Χριστοῦ*, as so frequently in St Paul, e.g. 2 Cor. ii. 17 *κατέναντι Θεοῦ ἐν Χριστῷ λαλούμεν* (so again xii. 19); and the expression closely resembles 1 Thess. iii. 13, *ἀμέριπτος ἔμπροσθεν τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ πατρὸς ἡμῶν ἐν τῇ παρουσίᾳ τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ*. The sentence for the sake of the parallelism should have closed with *ἐλπίδος*; but St Paul runs off, so to speak, on the third clause of the triplet, to introduce the hallowed names in and through and for whom all good things are done.

τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ πατρὸς ἡμῶν] 'before Him, who is not only our Supreme Ruler, but has also all the tenderness and affection of a father towards us, who watches all our actions with a fatherly solicitude.' See note on Gal. i. 4, where the same phrase occurs, and comp. ver. 4, *ἡγαπημένοι ὑπὸ Θεοῦ*.

[*εἰδότες*] 'for we know,' giving the reason, whereas the previous participles explain the circumstances, of *εὐχαριστούμενοι*.

. 4. *ἡγαπημένοι ὑπὸ Θεοῦ*] 'beloved by God,' comp. 2 Thess. ii. 13, *ἡγαπημένοι ὑπὸ Κυρίου*, where see the note. Both expressions occur in the LXX., *ἡγ. ὑπὸ Θεοῦ*, Sir. xlvi. 1; *ἡγ. ὑπὸ Κυρίου*, Deut. xxxiii. 12, Sir. xlvi. 13. The construction of the E.V. is quite inadmissible, though supported by some respectable commentators ancient and modern.

[*ἐκλογήν*] On this word, which is never used in the New Testament in the sense of election to final salvation, see the note on Col. iii. 12 *ἐκλεκτοὶ τοῦ Θεοῦ*.

5. *ὅτι*] is generally translated in this passage with the E.V. 'for.' But the meaning which the phrase *εἰδέναι τι ὅτι* universally bears in the New Testament, and the idiomatic character of the expression, seem decisive in favour of the interpretation 'knowing the circumstance or manner of your election, how that.' Comp. Acts xvi. 3, Rom. xiii. 11, 1 Cor. xvi. 15, 2 Cor. xii. 3, 4, and below ii. 1. So *προγιγνώσκειν ὅτι* Acts xxvi. 5: *βλέπειν ὅτι*, 1 Cor. i. 26 *βλέπετε τὴν κλῆσιν ὑμῶν ὅτι οὐ πολλοὶ σοφοὶ κ.τ.λ.*, and see the note there.

τὸ εὐαγγέλιον ἡμῶν] 'the gospel we preach'; as in Rom. ii. 16, xvi. 25, 2 Cor. iv. 3, 2 Tim. ii. 8, and see the note on 2 Thess. ii. 14.

[*εἰς* (v. 1. *πρὸς*) *ὑμᾶς*] Both readings *εἰς* and *πρὸς* are supported by parallel passages. For *εἰς* compare Acts xxi. 17, xxv. 15, xxviii. 6, and especially Gal. iii. 14, from which passages it will appear that *γίγνεσθαι*

eis is 'to arrive at,' 'reach.' For *πρὸς* see 1 Cor. ii. 3, καὶ ἐν ἀσθενείᾳ καὶ ἐν φόβῳ καὶ ἐν τρόμῳ πολλῷ ἔγενόμην πρὸς ὑμᾶς, 'exhibited myself in my dealings with you,' which seems however to suggest taking ἐν λογῷ with ἔγενήθη here 'exhibited itself not in word only' (compare 2 Cor. iii. 7, 8); *πρὸς ὑμᾶς* meaning *apud vos*. But γένεσθαι πρὸς ὑμᾶς would be a legitimate construction. However in this passage manuscript evidence is undoubtedly in favour of *eis*. On the fundamental difference between *eis* and *πρὸς* see the notes on 2 Thess. iii. 9 and Philem. 5 πρὸς τὸν Κύριον Ἰησοῦν καὶ *eis* πάντας τὸν ἄγιον, and comp. Winer, § 49, p. 494, Meyer on 1 Cor. ii. 3.

ἐν λόγῳ μόνον...πληροφορίᾳ πολλῇ] The preposition should probably be repeated before each substantive, except *πληροφορίᾳ*, though the ms. authority is not unanimous on this point. Each word is an advance upon the preceding, and the repetition of καὶ ἐν expresses this gradation. Comp. ἀλλὰ in 2 Cor. vii. 11.

The passage may be paraphrased thus: 'Our preaching was not mere declamation, a hollow and heartless rhetoric: in it there was earnestness and power. Yet this is not enough. There may be a power which is not from above, a fearful earnestness which is not inspired by God. Not such was ours, for we preached in the Holy Spirit. Still even the holiest influences may be transitory, the noblest inspirations may waver from lack of faith. Far otherwise was it with us, for we preached in a deep conviction of the truth of our message, in a perfect assurance of the ultimate triumph of our cause.'

λόγῳ] The same opposition of *λόγος* and *δύναμις* is found in 1 Cor. ii. 4 καὶ ὁ λόγος μον καὶ τὸ κήρυγμα μον οὐκ ἐν πειθοῖς σοφίας λόγοις, ἀλλ' ἐν ἀποδείξει πνεύματος καὶ δυνάμεως.

δύναμει has here no direct reference to the working of miracles, which would require the plural *δυνάμεσι* (cf. 1 Cor. xii. 10, Gal. iii. 5). There are but few allusions in St Paul to his power of working miracles, partly because he assumes the fact as known to his hearers, and partly because doubtless he considered this a very poor and mean gift in comparison with the high spiritual powers with which he was endowed. Compare a similar case, 1 Cor. xiv. 18.

πληροφορίᾳ] *Πληροφορίᾳ* and *πληροφορεῖν* are found seven times in St Paul and only three times in the rest of the New Testament (Luke i. 1, Hebr. vi. 11, x. 22). The noun, which occurs in Clem. Rom. 42 μεταπληροφορίᾳ πνεύματος, is not found in the LXX., but the verb appears once, Eccles. viii. 11 ἐπληροφορήθη καρδίᾳ νιῶν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐν αὐτοῖς τοῦ ποιῆσαι τὸ πονηρόν, where the corresponding Hebrew is בְּאַלְמָן 'the heart was full to do etc.' *πληροφορίᾳ* may mean either (1) 'fulfilment,' or (2) 'conviction, assurance.' The meaning (1) must be discarded, because St Paul is still speaking of the character of the message, not yet of the acceptance of it. *Πληροφορίᾳ* is therefore 'conviction, confidence' on the part of St Paul and his fellow-preachers. For *πληροφορίᾳ* see the note on

Col. ii. 2; for πληροφορεῖν the note on Col. iv. 12. The words seem to be confined almost exclusively to biblical and ecclesiastical writings.

καθὼς οἴδατε] He appeals to the Thessalonians themselves to bear witness to the character of his preaching ; comp. ii. 5. Thus καθὼς οἴδατε must not be regarded as correlative to εἰδότες above. Such a correspondence could only confuse the order of thought in the passage.

ἐγενήθημεν] Not ἡμεν 'we were,' but ἐγενήθημεν 'we became, were made' by the transforming power of Christ. On the distinction of γίγνεσθαι and εἰναι see the notes on Col. i. 18 ἵνα γένηται and 1 Cor. i. 30 ἐγενήθη, with references in both places to Christ.

6. **καὶ ὑμεῖς κ.τ.λ.]** The fact of their election by God was evinced in two ways; *first* by the divine character of the message imparted to them (ver. 5), and *secondly* by their sincere acceptance of it : in other words, not only by the offer of the Gospel, but by their response to the offer. This last evidence is given in the words καὶ ὑμεῖς κ.τ.λ. which, though logically dependent on εἰδότες τὴν ἐκλογὴν ὅτι, are thrown into the form of an independent sentence as regards their grammatical structure.

καὶ τοῦ Κυρίου] For the spirit in which these words are added to soften and qualify the preceding expression μιμηταὶ ἡμῶν see 1 Cor. xi. 1 μιμηταὶ μον γίνεσθε, καθὼς κάγῳ Χριστοῦ.

δεξάμενοι κ.τ.λ.] 'inasmuch as ye received the word,' explaining the feature in which the invitation consisted. They endured tribulation with a holy joy, as Paul had set them the example, who, after the pattern of Christ, rejoiced in his sufferings (Col. i. 24). The degree in which the believer is allowed to participate in the sufferings of his Lord, should be the measure of his joy; see 1 Pet. iv. 13 καὶ θὸς κοινωνεῖτε τοῖς τοῦ Χριστοῦ παθήμασι, χαίρετε. On the privilege of sharing in Christ's sufferings, comp. Phil. i. 29 ὅτι ὑμὲν ἔχαρισθη τὸ ὑπὲρ Χριστοῦ οὐ μόνον τὸ εἰς αὐτὸν πιστεύειν, ἀλλὰ καὶ τὸ ὑπὲρ αὐτοῦ πάσχειν, where see the note.

Θλίψει] The persecutions instigated by the Jews in Thessalonica (Acts xvii. 5 sq.) doubtless continued long after the Apostle had left, for the pertinacity with which they followed St Paul to Berea (Acts xvii. 13) shows their determination; see *Biblical Essays*, p. 262 sq. But though the Jews were the instigators, the heathen population did not stand aloof, as appears from 1 Thess. ii. 14.

Πινεύματος Ἀγίου] 'proceeding from, inspired by the Holy Ghost.'

7. **τύπον]** 'an ensample of a Christian community.' The singular is more forcible than τύποις, and should be read, though τύποις has strong support. Comp. for the expression and for the singular number Barnabas 19. 7 ὑποταγῆσῃ κυρίοις ὡς τύπῳ Θεοῦ ἐν αἰσχύνῃ καὶ φόβῳ.

πᾶσι τοῖς πιστεύουσιν] Used substantively, 'to all believers,' without any special reference of present time.

ἐν τῇ Μακεδονίᾳ καὶ ἐν τῇ Ἀχαΐᾳ] The repetition of the preposition and article is in place here, because St Paul speaks of them as two distinct provinces, 'not only in Macedonia, but also in the neighbouring province

of Achaea': but in the next verse *ἐν τῇ* is correctly omitted by some of the best authorities, because there the two are classed together, in opposition to the rest of the world.

The peninsula of Greece under the Roman dominion included parts of three provinces—Macedonia, Achaea, and Illyricum.

8. *ἀφ' ὑμῶν*] i.e. 'spreading from you onward.' *Ἄπο* is simply local here.

ἔξηχηται] 'has sounded forth,' like thunder. A strong word and especially used in this metaphor: Pollux i. 118 *ἔξηχησεν βροντή*, comp. Ecclius. xl. 13 *ὡς βροντὴ μεγάλῃ ἐν νετῷ ἔξηχήσει*, where the goods of the unjust are said to exhaust their power, to roar themselves out, as thunder in rain. 'Non verba sed tonitrua' says Jerome of St Paul's writings: he seems to hear them as he reads them. The verb appears to be a middle here.

ὁ λόγος τοῦ Κυρίου] This expression occurs again in 2 Thess. iii. 1 (cf. *ἐν λόγῳ Κυρίου*, 1 Thess. iv. 15 and note there). Comp. also *τὸ ρῆμα Κυρίου*, 1 Pet. i. 25, and *ὁ λόγος τοῦ Χριστοῦ*, Col. iii. 16 (on the meaning of which last passage see the note *ad loc.*). '*Ο λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ*' is tolerably frequent in St Paul. Are these genitives then, *Θεοῦ*, *Κυρίου*, subjective or objective? i.e. do the expressions mean 'the word uttered by God, the message of the Lord,' or 'the tidings which speak of God, of the Lord'? An answer seems to be supplied to this question by the fact that the expressions are derived from the Hebrew prophets, e.g. Is. xxxviii. 4, 'Then came the word of the Lord unto Isaiah,' which is equivalent to 'thus saith the Lord' of the following verse, and is rendered in the LXX. *λόγος Κυρίου*. This Old Testament usage is decisive in favour of the subjective use here.

ἄλλ' ἐν παντὶ τόπῳ κ.τ.λ.] The opposition is restricted to *ἐν τῇ Μακ. κ. Ἀχ.* and *ἐν παντὶ τόπῳ* as the position of *οὐ μόνον* shows. It does not extend also to *ὁ λόγος τοῦ Κ.* and *ἡ πίστις ἡ πρὸς τὸν Θεόν*, as some would take it.

The sentence, if grammatically regular, would have stopped at *ἐν παντὶ τόπῳ*. But the addition of a new subject and predicate (*ἡ πίστις...ἔξελήνυθεν*) should create no difficulty in St Paul, whose characteristic earnestness is often exhibited in thus lengthening out a sentence in order to enforce a lesson or dwell upon an important fact. See e.g. ver. 3 above.

ἄλλα] The omission of *καὶ*, besides being best supported by the MSS. (e.g. B, which shows the superiority of its reading over the received text by omitting also *ἐν τῇ* before 'Αχαιᾳ above), is also internally more probable, as preparing us for the new form which the sentence is to take. Had it stopped with *ἐν παντὶ τόπῳ*, then *ἄλλα καὶ* would have been more natural.

ἐν παντὶ τόπῳ] The favourable position of Thessalonica situated as it was on the Via Egnatia, and its mercantile importance, will explain the rapid spread of the tidings; see *Biblical Essays*, p. 254 sq. Wieseler (*Chronol.*

p. 42) suggests that St Paul may have learnt from Aquila and Priscilla, who had recently arrived at Corinth from Rome (Acts xviii. 2), that the faith of the Thessalonians was known there. The expression *ἐν παντὶ τόπῳ* is of course not to be pressed. For a similar hyperbole see Col. i. 6 *ἐν παντὶ τῷ κόσμῳ*, Rom. i. 8 *ἐν ὅλῳ τῷ κόσμῳ*, Phil. i. 13 *τοῖς λοιποῖς πᾶσιν*, and 2 Cor. ii. 14, where the same expression *ἐν παντὶ τόπῳ* occurs.

[ἔξελησθεν] ‘has spread abroad.’ Comp. Rom. x. 18, 1 Cor. xiv. 36, where the verb is found in the same sense.

9. **[αὐτοῖς]** ‘of themselves.’ Their minds are so full of the subject that unasked they proffer us the information.

The substantive to which *αὐτοὶ* is to be referred is contained implicitly in *ἐν παντὶ τόπῳ*, i.e. ‘strangers from all parts.’

[εἰσόδον] ‘approach, access.’ We are tempted by the recollection of St Paul’s favourite metaphor of a door being opened (1 Cor. xvi. 9, 2 Cor. ii. 12, Col. iv. 3, where see the note: comp. Acts xiv. 27 a reference to St Paul’s language) to take *εἰσόδος* here in a metaphorical sense ‘access to your hearts’: but a comparison of ii. 1 renders the literal meaning more probable.

[πρὸς τὸν Θεὸν ἀπὸ τῶν εἰδώλων] showing that the majority at least of the Thessalonian converts were heathen and not Jews: comp. 1 Thess. ii. 14, 16. That this was the case appears likewise from the fact that St Paul refrains from any direct allusions to the Old Testament, which would certainly have occurred had he been addressing Jews chiefly or proselytes. Again, had the mass of the converts been Jews or proselytes the expression would have been not *πρὸς τὸν Θεὸν* but *πρὸς τὸν Κύριον*. Contrast Acts ix. 4 *τίς εἰ*, Κύριε the cry of the proselyte Saul with xv. 19 *ἀπὸ τῶν ἔθνων ἐπιστρέφοντις ἐπὶ τὸν Θεόν*: and comp. Gal. iv. 8 *οὐκ εἰδότες Θεὸν* of the Galatian idolaters, Acts xiv. 15 *ἀπὸ τούτων τῶν ματαίων ἐπιστρέψεις ἐπὶ Θεόν* ζῶντα in St Paul’s speech to the people at Lystra.

[Θεῷ ζῶντι καὶ ἀληθινῷ] ‘a living and real God’: as opposed to the phantom and senseless gods of the heathen. See Acts xiv. 15, already cited. The E.V. here by translating ‘the living and true God’ has weakened the passage, just as some Greek transcribers in Acts l.c. by writing *τὸν Θεὸν τὸν ζῶντα* for *Θεὸν ζῶντα* followed by the Textus Receptus. The word *ἀληθινὸς* occurs in this passage only in St Paul’s writings: it is found as a v.l. in Heb. ix. 14 *εἰς τὸ λατρεύειν Θεῷ ζῶντι καὶ ἀληθινῷ*, doubtless from a reminiscence of this passage. On the difference between *ἀληθῆς* and *ἀληθινὸς* see Trench, *N. T. Syn.* § 8, p. 26.

10. **[καὶ ἀναμένειν τὸν νὺν αὐτὸν ἐκ τῶν οὐρανῶν]** This appeal well illustrates the doctrinal teaching of this Epistle. It is thus, ‘Live a holy life, that you may be prepared to meet your Lord.’ In St Paul’s later Epistles, his appeal generally assumes a different form, ‘Christ died for you: therefore die with Him to sin.’ Both the one lesson and the other have their office in the instruction of the Church through all ages, addressing themselves to different minds, and frames of minds—the one

making itself heard where the other would be ineffective. The ‘coming of the Lord’ is the refrain, as it were, with which St Paul clenches paragraph after paragraph in this Epistle. See *Biblical Essays*, p. 224 sq., where the characteristics of the groups of the Pauline Epistles are treated at length.

οὐρανῶν] The plural *oúravoi* is not classical. Neither was the Latin *caeli* which, though occurring once in Lucretius for a special reason (II. 1097 *caelos omnes*, where see Munro’s note), is condemned by Julius Cæsar in Aulus Gellius xix. 8. 3—5. On the other hand the Hebrew equivalent has no singular, the plural being always used, with a reference perhaps to successive heavens receding one beyond the other (2 Cor. xii. 2 ἔως τρίτου οὐρανοῦ); see Koch’s note here.

ὅτι γενέσεις ἐκ νεκρῶν] This clause is generally considered to be added as a decisive proof of His Sonship, as in Rom. i. 4. It seems however to be appealed to here rather as an earnest of His coming again in judgment and of the general resurrection, ‘He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained: whereof he hath given assurance unto all men in that he raised him from the dead,’ Acts xvii. 31, in St Paul’s speech before the Areopagus which was delivered within a few months of the writing of this Epistle. The parallel therefore from this almost contemporaneous speech may fairly be allowed to decide the train of thought here, even if the context were not so strongly in favour of this interpretation.

Ἴησοῦν τὸν ρύμανον κ.τ.λ.] i.e. Jesus, Who, as His name betokens, is our deliverer etc., an allusion to the meaning of the name Jesus, ‘the Saviour.’ In Isai. lix. 20 cited in Rom. xi. 26, ὁ ρύμανος is the LXX. translation of נָצֵר. So also in Gen. xlvi. 16, and ὁ ρυσάμενος frequently (Isai. xliv. 6, xlvi. 4, xlvi. 17, xlix. 7, 26, liv. 5, 8).

τῆς ὀργῆς] used thus absolutely of the divine wrath, as in ii. 16, Rom. iii. 5, v. 9, ix. 22, xiii. 5. Compare especially Rom. xii. 19, δότε τόπον τῇ ὀργῇ where τῇ ὀργῇ cannot refer to one’s adversary, for it is not a question of his wrath, but of his injustice. The difficulty of the phrase has led to explanatory glosses, 1 Thess. ii. 16 τοῦ Θεοῦ, Rom. iii. 5 αὐτοῦ.

τῆς ἐρχομένης] ‘which is even now approaching.’ Comp. v. 2 ήμέρα Κυρίου ὡς κλέπτης ἐν νυκτὶ οὗτως ἐρχεται, Eph. v. 6 ἐρχεται ἡ ὀργὴ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐπὶ τοὺς νιοὺς τῆς ἀπειθείας, Col. iii. 6 δι’ ἣ ἐρχεται ἡ ὀργὴ τοῦ Θεοῦ. The word may refer either to the present and continuous dispensation or to the future and final judgment. The present ἐρχεσθαι is frequently used to denote the certainty, and possibly the nearness, of a future event, e.g. Matt. xvii. 11, Joh. iv. 21, xiv. 3, whence ὁ ἐρχόμενος is a designation of the Messiah: see Winer § xl. p. 332, and *Biblical Essays*, p. 149.

CHAPTER II.

ii. *Character of the Apostle's life and ministry among them* (ii. 1—12).

i. St Paul in the former chapter had alluded to two proofs, which convinced him of the election of the Thessalonians, *first* the conduct of the preachers (ver. 5), and *secondly* the reception of the message by the hearers (vv. 6—10). He now enlarges on the same topics, and in the same order, speaking of the preachers (ii. 1—12), and of the hearers (vv. 13 sq.), but of the latter more briefly, because he had already spoken at some length on this head, while he had dismissed the other topic more summarily.

Αὐτὸι γάρ] The explanation of *γάρ* is to be sought rather in the train of thought which was running in the Apostle's mind, than in the actual expressions: 'I speak thus boldly and confidently as to my preaching, *for* I have a witness at hand. You *yourselves* know, etc.' There seems to be no contrast implied in *αὐτοῖς* to the external testimony alluded to in i. 8, 9. Such a contrast would only interfere with the explanation of *γάρ*. The emphatic position of *αὐτοῖς* is quite characteristic of this group of Epistles; comp. iii. 3, v. 2, 2 Thess. iii. 7.

κενή] Not 'fruitless, ineffective' (*μάταιος*), but 'hollow, empty, wanting in purpose and earnestness.' The context shows that *κενή* must refer to the character of the preaching, not to its results; in fact *οὐ κενή* is equivalent to the *οὐκ ἐν λόγῳ μόνον ἀλλὰ καὶ ἐν δυνάμει* of i. 5. *Κένος* and *μάταιος* nowhere occur together in the New Testament, though in 1 Cor. xv. 14, 17 (*κενὸν τὸ κήρυγμα—μάταια ἡ πίστις*) they appear in close proximity; but they are found in combination in Clem. Rom. 7 ἀπολείπωμεν τὰς *κενὰς καὶ μάταιας φροντίδας*, where the former epithet points to the quality, the latter to the aim or effect of the action. For instances of the combination in the LXX. and classical Greek see the note on Clem. Rom. 1.c.

γέγονεν] 'has proved, has been found,' not as E.V. 'was.' Does the perfect here glance obliquely at the lasting effects of his preaching, or does it imply that his sojourn in Thessalonica was recent? On the former supposition we may compare 2 Cor. xii. 9 *εἴρηκεν*, on the latter 2 Cor. ii. 13 *ἔσχηκα*.

2. ἀλλὰ προπαθόντες κ.τ.λ.] 'On the contrary, though we had had a foretaste of what awaited us in the sufferings and indignities which we underwent, as ye know, at Philippi, yet were we nothing daunted but were bold, etc. Our courage under adverse circumstances is a sufficient proof that there was nothing hollow, specious or unreal in our preaching.'

προπαθόντες καὶ ὑβρισθέντες] 'having before been maltreated and that with contumely.' The force of the preposition *προ-* in the first participle is carried on to the second, or rather the preposition having been expressed in the first instance, it is unnecessary to repeat it. Comp. probably 1 Cor. xvi. 16 παντὶ τῷ συνεργοῦντι καὶ κοπιῶντι, where καὶ κοπιῶντι is equivalent to ὥστε καὶ κοπιῶν. For this classical idiom of an additional feature comp. Demosth. *Conon* p. 1256 ὑβρισθείς, ὡς ἄνδρες δικασταί, καὶ παθὼν ὑπὸ Κόνουνος quoted by Wetstein, and such passages as Soph. *Anit.* 537 καὶ συμμετίσχω καὶ φέρω τῆς αἰτίας where see Blaydes' note.

ὑβρισθέντες] i.e. we experienced not only bodily suffering (*παθόντες*), but indignity superadded. This word *ὑβρισθέντες* indicates the same feeling which prompted St Paul, on the occasion especially alluded to, to demand that the magistrates should in person escort himself and Silas from prison, οὐ γάρ· ἀλλὰ ἐλθόντες αὐτοὶ ἡμᾶς ἔξαγαγέτωσαν, Acts xvi. 37. It was the consciousness of an *indignity* offered. St Paul was not above (or, should we not say, below) entertaining a sense of what was due to his personal dignity. His social position had been contemned. It was in the essence of *ὑβρις* that it could not be done to slaves: Ar. *Rhet.* ii. 24, § 9 (p. 1402) εἴ τις φαίη τὸ τύπτειν τοὺς ἐλευθέρους ὑβριν εἶναι, Demosth. *Nicostr.* p. 1251 ὦν' εἰ καταλαβὼν αὐτὸν ἐγώ πρὸς ὄργὴν δήσαμι ἡ πατάξαι μὲν δούλον ὅντα, γραφήν με γράψαντο ὑβρεως, with the comment of Meier and Schömann *Att. Proc.* p. 325. Thus this one word embodies the incident in the Acts. It was the *contumely* which hurt St Paul's feelings arising from the strong sense of his Roman citizenship.

ἐν Φιλίπποις] See Acts xvi. 19—40, Phil. i. 30.

ἐπαρρησιασάμεθα λαλῆσαι] Comp. Eph. vi. 20. On *παρρησία* (*παρησία*, so Steph. *Thes.*), the boldness of speech which suppresses nothing, see on Col. ii. 15, and Eph. iii. 12. The verb *παρρησιάζεσθαι* however is always found in the New Testament in connexion with speaking, and so it is best to translate it here 'were bold of speech' (and so Eph. vi. 20), not simply 'took courage.'

ἐν τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν] 'This boldness however was not our own. We were courageous in our God, in spite of our sufferings and yet in some sense by reason of them. For we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us (2 Cor. iv. 7). For when I am weak, then am I strong (*ib.* xii. 10).'

λαλῆσαι] Not equivalent to ὥστε λαλῆσαι ('we were bold of speech, so that we told'); but simply the objective infinitive, as the run of the sentence points to a closer connexion with *ἐπαρρησιασάμεθα*, 'we were

bold of speech to tell.' Λαλεῖν is stronger than λέγειν, see Trench *N. T. Syn.* § 76, p. 286.

τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τοῦ Θεοῦ] Is τοῦ Θεοῦ the objective or the subjective genitive? Or is it not idle in many cases, and perhaps in this, to seek to limit the genitive to one sense, when it is in itself comprehensive, and includes several senses, all of which will suit the context? Certainly, whatever may be the case with the corresponding phrase τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τοῦ Χριστοῦ (Gal. i. 7), the subjective genitive seems more natural with τοῦ Θεοῦ.

ἐν πολλῷ ἀγῶνι] '*amidst much conflict*,' i.e. beset by much opposition. The Christian sufferer is an athlete who contends for the victor's chaplet. Sometimes the ἀγών takes the form of an outward, as Phil. i. 30; sometimes, as Col. ii. 1, of an internal conflict. The allied words ἀθλεῖν, ἀθλησις occur in this connexion in 2 Tim. ii. 5, Heb. x. 32, and the idea is constantly present to St Paul's mind. The metaphor was speedily taken up: e.g. Clem. Rom. 5 ἐλθωμεν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἔγγιστα γενουμένους ἀθλητάς, Ign. Polyc. 1, 2, 3 πάντων τὰς νόσους βάσταζε ως τέλειος ἀθλητής... μῆφε ως Θεού ἀθλητής· τὸ θέμα ἀθθαρσία... μεγάλον ἐστὶν ἀθλητοῦ τὸ δέρεσθαι καὶ νικᾶν, where see the notes and also that on Ign. Eph. 3 (*ὑπαλειφθῆναι*).

3. ἡ γὰρ παράκλησις] 'I said that we were bold in our God, and that it was the Gospel of God we preached, and I said rightly. For our appeal is not to be traced to error or impurity or to any human passions, or human imperfections. It has received the sanction of God, and His commission is upon us.' Παράκλησις may perhaps be translated 'appeal': it is an exercise of the powers of persuasion, either in the way of (1) comfort, or (2) encouragement, or (3) exhortation, according as the reference is to (1) the past, what has happened, (2) the present, what is happening, or (3) the future, what is to happen.

οὐδὲ ἐξ πλάνης] '*It does not arise from error*.' Πλάνη is used either in an active sense 'deceit,' 'the leading astray,' or in a passive 'error,' 'the being led astray.' But in the New Testament it seems always to have the latter meaning, and this is better suited to the context here. For ἐξ πλάνης will thus be distinguished from ἐν δόλῳ. The preposition ἐξ as opposed to ἐν likewise points to this meaning. False teachers are 'deceived' as well as 'deceivers' (2 Tim. iii. 13 πλανῶντες καὶ πλανώμενοι).

οὐδὲ ἐξ ἀκαθαρσίας] '*nor yet from impurity*', i.e. from sensuality. This disclaimer, startling as it may seem, was not unneeded amidst the impurities consecrated by the religions of the day. The meaning of the Hebrew or rather Phoenician words שְׁמִרְךָ fem. הַשְׁמִרְךָ from שְׁמִר 'to be holy' (Deut. xxiii. 18), properly 'the consecrated ones,' tells its own terrible tale. St Paul was at this very time living in the midst of the worship of Aphrodite at Corinth, and had but lately witnessed that of the Cabiri at Thessalonica (see *Biblical Essays*, p. 257 sq.). The religion of Rome, again, though in its origin far purer than those of Greece or the East, had been corrupted from extraneous sources: and we

need not go farther than the Roman moralists and satirists to learn how much of the vice and impurity which hastened the decline of Rome was due to the introduction of foreign religious systems. How naturally prone the early converts were to sensualize even the religion of Christ may be inferred from many passages in St Paul's Epistles (e.g. 1 Thess. iv. 3 where the 'idea of holiness is regarded as almost equivalent to abstinence from the commission of fornication': see Jowett I. p. 88), and is seen in the monstrous aberrations of some forms of Gnosticism, i.e. of Simon Magus.

The word *ἀκαθαρσία* is frequently interpreted in this passage to mean 'covetousness' (comp. the Latin *sordes*, *sordidus*); but no instance is produced to show that *ἀκαθαρσία*, *ἀκάθαρτος* are ever used in this sense. In 1 Esdras i. 42 indeed *ἀκαθαρσία* is used of the spoliation of the temple, but here the word points to the defilement, not to the avarice involved in the act. In Barnab. 19. 4 οὐ μή σου ὁ λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐξελθῃ ἐν *ἀκαθαρσίᾳ τινῶν* the context shows that the language is not a warning against preaching for money, but against ruining the effectiveness of preaching by personal impurity. By the analogy of the figurative language of the O.T. *ἀκάθαρτος* in the mouth of a Jew might get to mean 'idolatrous, profane,' but scarcely 'sordid, avaricious.' There is as little ground for asserting conversely that *πλεονεξία* is equivalent to *ἀκαθαρσία*: see note on Col. iii. 5. For *ἀκαθαρσία* of the pollution of the temple see Test. xii. Patr. *Levi* 15.

οὐδὲ ἐν δόλῳ] The better supported reading *οὐδὲ*, if not actually required for grammatical reasons (see Hermann *Opusc.* III. 143), gives a much better sense than *οὐτέ*. Each clause claims an entirely distinct motive, and therefore the disjunctive particle *οὐδὲ* is preferable: 'not from error, nor yet from impurity, nor again in guile.' See the note on Gal. i. 12.

4. *ἀλλὰ*] On the contrary, so far from its being due to human passions and imperfections, it is in accordance with the test which we have satisfied in the sight of God.

δεδοκιμάσμεθα] The word *δοκιμάζειν* signifies properly to examine an object with a view to its satisfying a certain test, and hence naturally glides into the meaning 'to approve.' In *δεδοκιμάσμεθα* this latter signification is prominent, in *τῷ δοκιμάζοντι* it is kept in the background. Still, as Trench remarks (*N. T. Syn.* § 74, p. 278 sq.), there is always the underlying sense not merely of a victorious coming out of trial, but of the implication that the trial is itself made in the expectation that the issue would be favourable—an implication wanting in the word *πειράζειν*. Thus the word most nearly approaches the classical sense of *ἀξιοῦν*.

πιστευθῆναι τῷ εὐαγγέλιον] 'to be trusted with the gospel,' 'to have the gospel committed to us.' For the construction see Rom. iii. 2, 1 Cor. ix. 17, Gal. ii. 7, 1 Tim. i. 11, Tit. i. 3, 2 Thess. i. 10 (v. l.). Not only do verbs which in the active take an accusative of both person and thing retain the latter in the passive, e.g. 2 Thess. ii. 15 *παραδόσεις ἡσιδάχθητε*:

but also those which in the active are constructed with a dative of the person and an accusative of the thing, e.g. *πιστευθῆναι τὸ εὐαγγέλιον* here, and Acts xxviii. 20 *τὴν ἀλυσιν ταύτην περικεψα*, see Winer § xxxii. p. 287.

οὕτως] 'accordingly, in accordance therewith,' i.e. with this commission, answering to *καθὼς*. This correspondence of *καθὼς*, *καθάπερ*, and *οὕτως* is frequent in the New Testament: comp. e.g. in St Paul, 2 Cor. viii. 6, x. 7, Col. iii. 13. '*Ως* has no dependence on *οὕτως*. For though *οὕτως...ὡς* 'in such a manner...as' is a frequent combination in St Paul, *οὕτως* here cannot well refer both to *καθὼς* and *ὡς*, inasmuch as it would require to be taken in two different senses. It is better therefore to treat *οὐχ ὡς ἀνθρώποις κ.τ.λ.* as an independent clause, explanatory of *καθὼς...οὕτως*. For this use of *ὡς* comp. especially 2 Cor. vi. 8—10.

ἀνθρώποις ἀρέσκοντες] Compare Gal. i. 10 and the notes on Col. i. 10 (*ἀρέσκειν*), iii. 22 (*ἀνθρωπάρεσκοι*).

τὰς καρδίας ἡμῶν] It has been maintained by some (e.g. Conybeare and Howson II. p. 95 note 1, p. 419 note 3) that St Paul uses 'we' 'according to the idiom of many ancient writers' where a modern writer would use 'I.' Or as it is expressed elsewhere, 'He uses ἐγώ frequently interchangeably with *ἡμεῖς*, and when he includes others in the *ἡμεῖς* he specifies it.' On this point the following facts may be worthy of consideration. (1) The Epistles which are written in St Paul's name alone are the Romans, Galatians, Ephesians, 1, 2 Timothy, and Titus. In all of these the singular is used when the writer is speaking in his own name. The plural is never so used. It is only employed where he speaks of himself as the member of a class, whether embracing either the other preachers of the Gospel (Gal. i. 8, ii. 9), or the persons to whom the letter is addressed, or the whole body of Christians generally. (2) Of the other Epistles, those to Philippians and to Philemon (after the opening salutation) adhere to the singular throughout. The others use the plural. In 1 Corinthians the plural occurs every now and then. It is very common in 2 Corinthians, and in 1, 2 Thessalonians it is very seldom departed from. As a general rule we may say that wherever the communication is more direct and personal, there the singular is used; wherever it is more general, the plural is preferred. (3) In every instance where the plural is used, we find that it will apply to those who are associated with the Apostle, as well as to the Apostle himself. (4) There are passages where it is quite impossible to refer the plural to St Paul alone without making havoc of the sense. The passage in the text is one of these instances. 2 Cor. vii. 3 *προείρηκα γὰρ ὅτι ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ἡμῶν ἔστε εἰς τὸ συναποθανεῖν καὶ συνζῆν* is another instance. For though no one will deny that a king or a reviewer may employ the plural 'we' with propriety, it may fairly be questioned whether the one would talk of 'our crowns' or the other of 'our pens,' when only one of each class was meant. And thus, though the Apostle might say 'we,' he could not call himself 'Apostles' *ὡς Χριστοῦ ἀπόστολοι* (1 Thess. ii. 6) or speak of his 'hearts.' (5) In other passages St Paul's own

language shows that by the use of the plural he does generally include more than himself, for in particular cases where he refers to himself personally he takes care to substitute the singular for the plural or in some other way to qualify the expression. Thus below ii. 18 διότι ἡθελήσαμεν ἀλθεῖν πρὸς ὑμᾶς, ἐγὼ μὲν Παῦλος καὶ ἄπαξ καὶ δύς, καὶ ἐνέκοψεν ἡμᾶς ὁ Σατανᾶς, St Paul is careful to distinguish himself from the others who are included in the plural—‘we were desirous of visiting you (for my own part I have entertained the desire more than once), but Satan hindered us.’ We may conclude therefore that a case for an epistolary plural in St Paul’s Epistles has not been made out.

5. *ἐν λόγῳ κολακείᾳ ἐγενήθημεν*] ‘*were we found employed in words’* etc. For the construction γίγνεσθαι ἐν compare i Tim. ii. 14, and see the note on i. 5.

κολακείας, πλεονεξίας] are probably subjective genitives, ‘the words, which flattery uses, the pretext of which avarice avails itself.’ It is objectionable to apply a different sense of the genitive to the two clauses when the same will hold. **Κολακεία**, a word which occurs here only in the New Testament, is defined both by Theophrastus (*Char. 2*) and Aristotle (*Eth. Nic. iv. 12*) to involve the idea of selfish motives. It is flattery not merely for the sake of giving pleasure to others but for the sake of self-interest. The words of Aristotle are ὁ δὲ ὅπως ὀφέλεια τις αὐτῷ γίγνηται εἰς χρήματα καὶ ὅσα διὰ χρημάτων, κόλαξ. For **πλεονεξία** see Col. iii. 5.

προφάσει] ‘*pretext*.’ The word **πρόφασις** (from **προφαίνω**) signifies generally the ostensible reason for which a thing is done (comp. Joseph. *Ant. xvi. 6. 5* quoted in Wetstein); sometimes in a good sense (e.g. Thuc. i. 23, vi. 6 *ἀληθεστάτη πρόφασις*), but generally otherwise, the false or pretended reason as opposed to the true, and so, as here, ‘*a pretext*,’ and takes the genitive.

Θεὸς μάρτυς] He had appealed to the Thessalonians themselves (*καθὼς οἶδατε*) to testify to his outward conduct (*ἐν λόγῳ κολακείᾳ*). Of his inward motives (*προφάσει πλεονεξίας*) God alone could bear witness. So Chrysostom and others interpret the passage. Comp. ver. 10, where we have the double appeal *ὑμεῖς μάρτυρες καὶ ὁ Θεός*.

6. There is a slight difference in the force of the prepositions *ἐξ ἀνθρώπων, ἀφ’ ὑμῶν*, which may be expressed by the paraphrase ‘to extract (*ἐξ*) glory from men,’ ‘*deriving it* (*ἀπὸ*) either from you or, etc.’ *Ἐκ* is the preposition which would naturally be attached to *ζητοῦντες*: and for an explanation of the adoption of *ἀπὸ* in the next clause we need not perhaps go farther than the natural desire of a change, though *ἀπὸ* brings the source (*ἐξ*) more prominently forward as an agent. Compare John xi. 1 *ἀπὸ Βηθανίας, ἐκ τῆς κώμης κ.τ.λ.*, where Bethany is perhaps the district which would explain the *ἀπό*. See Winer § xlvii. p. 453 sq. On the other hand, Rom. iii. 30 should not have been classed by Winer among these examples, for there is a marked emphasis in the change of expression from *ἐκ πίστεως τοῦ διὰ τῆς πίστεως*.

δυνάμενοι ἐν βάρει εἶναι κ.τ.λ.] ‘though we might have been burdensome, oppressive.’ What sense are we to attribute to **ἐν βάρει εἶναι** here? Does it refer to the levying of pecuniary aid, or to the assumption of authority and the exactation of respect to one’s office? In other words, does it refer specially to **ἐν προφάσει πλεονεξίας**, or rather to **ζητοῦντες ἐξ ἀνθρώπων δόξαν?** In favour of the former sense is the fact that the kindred phrases in St Paul are used in this connexion: comp. ver. 9 **πρὸς τὸ μὴ ἐπιβαρῆσαι τίνα ὑμῶν** repeated again 2 Thess. iii. 8, 2 Cor. xii. 16 **κατεβάρησα, xi. 9 ἀβαρῆ ἔμαυτὸν ἐτήρησα.** On the other hand the position of **δυνάμενοι ἐν βάρει εἶναι** in close connexion with **ζητοῦντες δόξαν** speaks strongly on behalf of the other sense, and **βάρος**, like **ὄγκος**, can fairly have this meaning. See 2 Cor. iv. 17 **βάρος δόξης** and comp. Diod. Sic. iv. 61 **διὰ τὸ βάρος τῆς πόλεως**, where the writer is speaking of Athens. Perhaps it is safer to assign to **ἐν βάρει εἶναι** a comprehensive meaning, including both these royal prerogatives, so to speak, of the apostleship, the assertion of authority and the levying of contributions. On the supplies sent to him from Philippi at this time see the note on Phil. iv. 16.

ώς Χριστού ἀπόστολοι] ‘by virtue of our office as Apostles of Christ.’ So strongly does St Paul assert the right of the teacher to be provided for by the taught, that writing to the Corinthians he, with a touch of irony, expresses his fear lest, by having failed to assert this claim, he might have led them to question his authority (2 Cor. xi. 7 sq.).

The twofold anxiety displayed here to indicate his own disinterestedness and at the same time not to compromise his rightful claims as an Apostle, is expressed so entirely in the spirit of St Paul that it is strange such a proof of the authenticity of the Epistle could be overlooked by those who have denied the Pauline authorship.

7. **νήπιοι**] ‘children, babes.’ This is by far the best supported reading, being found in **NBC*D*FG** it. vg. cop. *al.*, nor does it present any considerable difficulty. The inversion of the metaphor which it introduces, the Christian teacher being first compared to the child and then to the mother, is quite in St Paul’s manner: e.g. v. 2, 4 where the day of the Lord is compared to a thief and then the idea is reversed and the unprepared Christians become the thieves (**ώς κλέπτας καταλάβῃ**, the true reading). Compare also the use which is made of the allegory of the veiled face of Moses (2 Cor. iii. 13—16), where the veil is represented first as on the law, then as on the hearts of the Jewish nation; of the metaphor of second marriage (Rom. vii. 1 sq.) where we should expect not **ὑμεῖς ἔθαντάθητε τῷ νομῷ** (ver. 4) but **οἱ νόμος ἔθαντάθη ὑμῖν**; and of the idea of the triumphal procession in 2 Cor. ii. 14 sq., where the Apostles are compared, first to the captives led in triumph, then to the odour of the incense: see for a less striking example Rom. vi. 5, and the notes on Gal. ii. 20, iv. 19. St Paul’s earnestness and rapidity of thought led him to work his metaphor to the utmost, turning it about and reapplying it, as it suggested some new analogy. It was of no importance to him, as it

would be to a modern writer, that his image should cut clean. This disregard of rhetorical rules it was which made his ‘speech contemptible’ (2 Cor. x. 10 ὁ λόγος ἐξουθενημένος, comp. 1 Cor. ii. 1, 4). Rhetorical rules were as nothing to him compared with the object which he had in view.

The word *νήπιοι* was read here by Origen *Matth.* i. p. 375 ed. Huet (quoted by Bentley *Crit. Sacr.* p. 61) ὁ ἀπόστολος ἐγένετο νήπιος καὶ παραπλήσιος τροφῷ θαλπούσῃ τὸ ἑαυτῆς παιδίον καὶ λαλούσῃ λόγους ὡς παιδίον διὰ τὸ παιδίον, followed by Pelagius *facti sumus parvuli*. So too Clement of Alexandria (*Paed.* i. 5. 19 p. 108) quotes the passage as given in the text, and explains the distinction between the two words thus: οὐκ ἐπὶ ἀφρόνων τάττεται τὸ νήπιον, νηπύτιος μὲν γὰρ οὔτος, νήπιος δὲ ὁ νεήπιος, ὡς ἥπιος ὁ ἀπαλόφρων, οἷον ἥπιος νεωστὶ καὶ πρᾶσι τῷ τρόπῳ γενόμενος: compare also *Paed.* i. 6 p. 117. Compare also Irenaeus (iv. 38. 2) speaking of Christ, διὰ τοῦτο συνενηπίαζεν εἰς τὸν Θεοῦ τέλειος ὡν τῷ ἀνθρώπῳ...διὰ τὸ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου νήπιον οὕτω χωρούμενος, ὡς ἀνθρωπὸς αὐτὸν χωρεῖν ἥδυνατο. The same reading ἥπιος for νήπιοι occurs in A on Eph. iv. 14, showing the readiness with which the words would be confused.

On the other hand, ἥπιοι makes very excellent sense, as this is a word specially used to express ‘fatherly tenderness,’ e.g. Hom. *Od.* ii. 47 πατὴρ δὲ ὡς ἥπιος ἦν, comp. *Il.* xxiv. 770. It occurs 2 Tim. ii. 24 δοῦλον Κυρίου οὐ δεῖ μάχεσθαι ἀλλὰ ἥπιον εἶναι, where again the variant νήπιον is found.

[*ἐν μέσῳ ὑμῶν*] not simply *ἐν* ὑμῖν or *παρ’* ὑμῖν, but more fully, ‘as though I were one of you, mixing freely among you.’ The expression here used indirectly hints at the terms of equality on which the Apostle placed himself with his converts: comp. St Luke xxii. 27 of his Master ἐγὼ δὲ *ἐν* μέσῳ ὑμῶν εἰμὶ ὡς ὁ διακονῶν.

If νήπιοι is the correct reading, a colon should be placed after *ἐν μέσῳ ὑμῶν*: if ἥπιοι is adopted, perhaps even then it should be so punctuated. It may however be a question in this case, whether ὡς ἐὰν τροφὸς κ.τ.λ. should not be connected with what goes before, though it has an apodosis of its own. For such a construction see Soph. *Ajax* 839.

[*ὡς ἐὰν θάλπῃ*] For ὡς *ἀν* see Hermann on Soph. *Ajax* 1096, and comp. Winer § xlvi. p. 385; on *ἐὰν* for *ἀν* see Winer § xlvi. p. 390.

[*τὰ ἑαυτῆς τέκνα*] Thus by *τροφὸς* here is meant a mother who suckles and nurses her own children. This use is not unclassical: e.g. Soph. *Ajax* 849 γέροντι πατρὶ τῇ τε δυστήνῳ τροφῷ. Theocr. xxvii. 66 γυνὰ μάτηρ τεκέων τροφὸς (see Steph. *Thes.* s. v.).

8. [οὐμειρόμενοι] This is the best supported reading and the word occurs also in Job iii. 21 (LXX.), Psalm lxii. 2 (Symmachus), in both passages however with the same variety of reading (*ἱμείρεσθαι*) as here. Two explanations are given of the form. *First*, that it is derived from ὄμοῦ and *εἴρειν*, and means ‘to be attached to’ (so Theophylact and others). To this there are two objections: (1) that the verb would in this case take a dative instead of a genitive. Perhaps the instances of συλλαμβάνεσθαι, ἀπτεσθαι, etc. are not exact enough parallels to meet this

objection. (2) That verbs compounded with ὁμοῦ are always derived from substantives as ὁμοδρομεῖν, ὁμευντεῖν, ὁμλεῖν, etc. and there is no substantive to which to refer ὁμείρεσθαι. Secondly, as the form μείρεσθαι (= ἰμείρεσθαι) is found in Nicander *Ther.* 402, it is supposed that ὁμείρεσθαι is a lengthened form from this, as ὀδύρομαι from δύρομαι, ὀκέλλω from κελλῶ, etc. Against this it is urged that no instance is adduced of a verb so lengthened by an aspirated vowel. But on the other hand too much stress must not be laid on this in the New Testament, where ἀπῖς for instance is written ἀπῖς (see note on Phil. ii. 23 ἀφίδω). In this case the word may have arisen from ἰμείρεσθαι by an imperfect articulation of a very short vowel, as in the case of Κολασσαῖς for Κολοσσοῖς; or lastly the reading may be ὁμειρόμενοι (Lobeck *Path.* I. 4. I p. 72).

[εὐδοκοῦμεν] The imperfect tense. On the omission of the augment see Lobeck *Phryn.* pp. 140, 456; but the best manuscripts of the New Testament are not agreed on this point, and probably ηὐδοκοῦμεν should be preferred here. On the verb εὐδοκεῖν see the note on Col. i. 19. It is not found in the writers of the classical epoch.

[καὶ τὰς ἑαυτῶν ψυχάς] ‘to give even our own lives.’ The simple verb δοῦναι is to be understood from the compound μεταδοῦναι of the former clause. For the zeugma compare Kühner, II. p. 606, and on the word ψυχὴ see note on 1 Thess. v. 23.

[ἀγαπητοῖ] The metaphor is still preserved in the term which is specially used of an only or favourite child (see e.g. Hom. *Od.* ii. 365 μοῦνος ἐὼν ἀγαπητὸς κ.τ.λ.) and consecrated in this sense by its application to the Son of God Himself; comp. Matt. iii. 17, and the note on νήπιοι above (ver. 7). On the term ὁ ἀγαπητός, as a complete title in itself, see the note on Col. iv. 14.

[9. μνημονεύετε γὰρ] referring to εὐδοκοῦμεν μεταδοῦναι τὰς ἑαυτῶν ψυχάς. ‘You will not regard this declaration of our readiness to lay down our lives as a mere idle vaunt, for you have a proof of our self-sacrificing spirit in the recollection of our toils and labours when among you.’ Or the γὰρ may refer back to ver. 5.

[τὸν κόπον καὶ τὸν μόχθον] ‘our toil and our struggling.’ The words occur together also in 2 Thess. iii. 8 and 2 Cor. xi. 27 (so too in Hermas *Sim.* v. 6. 2), and we must seek for some distinction of meaning between the two expressions.

Kόπος (from κόπτω) is properly a ‘blow’ or ‘bruise,’ and hence signifies ‘wear and tear,’ the fatigue arising from continued labour, and hence the labour which brings on lassitude.

In μόχθος on the other hand the leading notion is that of struggling to overcome difficulties. It is connected with μόγος, μόγις and perhaps μᾶλις, μᾶλος, in all of which words the same idea is prominent. Thus κόπος is passive, μόχθος active, and the distinction may perhaps be represented by the two words ‘toil and moil.’ See Trench *Seven Churches*, p. 65.

νυκτὸς καὶ ἡμέρας κ.τ.λ.] This clause is added, as an epexegesis of τὸν κόπον ἡμῶν καὶ τὸν μόχθον, and therefore has no connecting particle. Some even of the best MSS. have supplied the apparent deficiency with γάρ. ‘Laborem manuum nocte et fatigationem verbi die: caeterum semper operabatur, quando docebat’ says Pelagius.

The explanation of the order *νυκτὸς καὶ ἡμέρας* is not to be sought in the fact that the Jews, as did also the Athenians (Plin. *Nat. Hist.* ii. § 79), commenced their reckoning with sunset. For we find the Jewish writers, both in the Old and New Testaments, frequently adopting the reverse order ‘day and night’ (e.g. Jer. xvi. 13, xxxiii. 25); while the Romans, who reckoned from sunrise, as often as not speak of ‘night and day’ (e.g. Cic. *de fin.* i. 16. 51, *de orat.* i. 16, 260, Cæsar *de bell. Gallic.* v. 38. 1).

The latter however is the order always observed by St Paul (Lobeck *Paral.* p. 62 sq.), and by Luke in the expression *νύκτα καὶ ἡμέραν* (e.g. Luke ii. 37), but not when he uses the genitive (e.g. Luke xviii. 7). St John, who uses the genitive only, always employs the order *ἡμέρας καὶ νυκτὸς*, and his style is the most Hebraic of New Testament writers.

ἔργαζόμενοι.] St Paul himself doubtless worked while at Thessalonica at his trade of tent-maker, on which we find him employed at Corinth about the time when this Epistle was written (Acts xviii. 3). It was a recognized custom of every Jewish parent, enforced by many maxims of the Rabbins, to teach his son a trade. This fact therefore does not imply any inferiority of social position in the case of St Paul (see the note on 2 Thess. iii. 10, where St Paul reiterates this proof of his disinterestedness). The choice of this particular trade was probably determined by the fact that canvas for tents was largely manufactured from the goat’s hair of his native country from which it got its name *cilicium* (Conybeare and Howson, I. p. 58).

St Paul however during his stay at Thessalonica was not entirely supported by the labour of his own hands. He more than once received contributions from Philippi (Phil. iv. 15). In the same way, while at Corinth, he received contributions from Macedonia to make up a sufficient sum to support him, see 2 Cor. xi. 9, where τὸ ὑστέρημα μου means ‘what was wanting, after I had plied my trade.’ Besides Thessalonica and Corinth (Acts xviii. 3), we find him labouring with his own hands also at Ephesus (Acts xx. 34).

On the bearing of these facts on the question of the length of his stay at Thessalonica, see *Biblical Essays* p. 259.

10. *ὑμεῖς μάρτυρες καὶ ὁ Θεὸς]* ‘You are witnesses of our outward actions, God of our inward thoughts.’ See ver. 5.

ὅσιως καὶ δικαίως] ‘how holily towards God and how justly towards men.’ The two words often occur together and represent, ὅσιως one’s duty towards God, δικαίως one’s duty towards men. See Plato *Gorg.* p. 507 B καὶ μὴν περὶ μὲν ἀνθρώπους τὰ προσήκοντα πράττων δίκαιοι, περὶ δὲ θεοὺς ὅσια (comp. *Theæt.* p. 176 B), and so St Paul’s contemporary

Philo ὁσιότης μὲν πρὸς Θεὸν δικαιοσύνη δὲ πρὸς ἀνθρώπους θεωρεῖται. Similarly Marcus Antoninus says (vii. 66) of Socrates that he was δίκαιος τὰ πρὸς ἀνθρώπους, ὁσιος τὰ πρὸς θεούς. Cf. Luke i. 75, Tit. i. 8, Ephes. iv. 24, where see Wetstein. It is not intended however to be implied that this meaning always attaches to δίκαιος, which in its technical legal sense is used of righteousness before God, i.e. having fulfilled the terms of the compact with Him, but only generally and more especially when distinguished from ὁσιος. See Trench *N. T. Syn.* § lxxxviii. p. 328. The combination is found in Clem. Rom. 48 κατευθύνοντες τὴν πορείαν αὐτῶν ἐν ὁσιότητι καὶ δικαιοσύνῃ and [2 Clem.] 5 τὸ ὁσιός καὶ δίκαιος ἀναστρέφεσθαι, where see the notes. In the present passage the correspondence is inverted by chiasmus, ὁσιός referring to ὁ Θεός, δίκαιος to ὑμεῖς μάρτυρες.

ἀμέμπτως] is more comprehensive, including both ὁσιός and δίκαιος contemplated from the negative side. The word is coupled with ὁσιός in Clem. Rom. 44 as descriptive of a blameless Christian ministry.

ὑμῖν τοῖς πιστεύοντιν] If this dative could mean 'in the opinion of,' then all difficulty arising from *τοῖς πιστεύοντιν* would cease. The sense would then be, 'much as our conduct has been misinterpreted by the unbelievers, at least in the sight of you who believe' etc. But the sense would be sacrificed to get over this one difficulty, for St Paul would then be made to say 'We call you to witness (and God also), how in your opinion we acted holily, etc.,' which is inconceivably flat and unmeaning. The sense 'towards you who believe' is at once a very natural interpretation of the Greek and better suits the context.

τοῖς πιστεύοντιν] Not that his conduct had been otherwise towards unbelievers, but that believers had a special claim upon him. There was here an additional motive for uprightness. Comp. Gal. vi. 10, 'Let us do good unto all men, but especially unto them who are of the household of the faith.' Thus the words are especially connected with **ἀμέμπτως**. The Apostle's obligations had been loyally fulfilled.

ἐγενήθημεν] For this use of γίγνεσθαι with an adverb 'how holily we conducted ourselves, etc.' see on i. 5. 'Εγενήθημεν is here not a simple copula, but has a fuller meaning, 'we presented ourselves, behaved ourselves': comp. 1 Cor. xvi. 10 ἵνα ἀφόβως γένηται πρὸς ὑμᾶς. See Krüger's *Sprachlehre* § 62. 2, p. 269 (cited by Koch). For this idiomatic use comp. Thucyd. ii. 14 χαλεπῶς αὐτοῖς η ἀνάστασις ἐγεγόνει, and see Matth. Gr. Gr. ii. § 309 c.

II. The construction in the sentence beginning with *ὡς ἔνα ἔκαστον κ.τ.λ.* is defective from the absence of a finite verb. There are two ways of supplying the ellipsis, either (1) by a verb such as ἐνουθετοῦμεν to govern *ἔνα ἔκαστον*, or (2) by understanding **ἐγενήθημεν** with *παρακαλοῦντες καὶ παραμυθούμενοι*, in which case these participles have a double accusative *ἔνα ἔκαστον* and *ὑμᾶς*. This double accusative would present no difficulty; for even if no exact parallel is to be found in St Paul, it is still so entirely after his manner, that it would need no such support. The real difficulty

in this construction consists in the harshness of ἐγενήθημεν παρακαλοῦντες : and probably the correct explanation is to supply some such verb as ἐνουθετοῦμεν suggested above. The sentence is so suspended by the insertion of the participial clause, that the finite verb which ought to close the sentence is lost sight of. On ellipses in St Paul see *Journal of Class. and Sacr. Philol.* iii. p. 85.

ὡς πατήρ τέκνα] It is remarked by the commentators from St Chrysostom downwards, on ver. 7, that when the Apostle wishes to dwell on his tenderness and affection for his converts he uses the figure of a mother ; while here, where he is dwelling on his teaching and advice, he adopts that of a father as more appropriate. ‘Parvulos nutrix fovet : proficientes vero pater instituit’ says Pelagius.

παρακαλοῦντες καὶ παραμυθούμενοι] Compare 1 Cor. xiv. 3 ὁ δὲ προφητεύων ἀνθρώποις λαλεῖ οἰκοδομὴν καὶ παράκλησιν καὶ παραμυθίαν. Perhaps there is this difference that παρακαλεῖν is ‘to exhort to a particular line of conduct,’ while παραμυθεῖσθαι is rather ‘to encourage to continue in a course.’ The sense of ‘consolation’ which some would here attribute to παραμυθεῖσθαι is not more inherent in this word than in παρακαλεῖν. See above, ii. 3 (with the note), below v. 14 παρακαλοῦμεν δὲ ὑμᾶς...παραμυθεῖσθε τοὺς ὀλιγοψύχους, Col. ii. 2, and the notes on παράκλησις and παραμύθιον (Phil. ii. 1).

μαρτυρόμενοι] This is a better supported reading than μαρτυρούμενοι, and is certainly required by the sense. The distinction between μαρτυρεῖσθαι (the passive of μαρτυρεῖν) ‘to be borne witness to,’ and μαρτύρεσθαι ‘to invoke witnesses’ and so ‘to appeal to as in the sight of witnesses, to charge, protest,’ ought not to require restatement: for it holds equally in classical authors, and in the New Testament without, so far as I am aware, a single exception. Compare e.g. Rom. iii. 21 μαρτυρούμενοι ὑπὸ τοῦ νόμου with Gal. v. 3 μαρτύρομαι δὲ πάλιν παντὶ ἀνθρώπῳ κ.τ.λ. and see note there. **Μαρτυρεῖσθαι**, the middle, seems to be used for the active in Lucian *de Sacr.* c. 10 (1. p. 534), but with a sort of middle sense, ‘testifies in himself, bears evidence in himself.’ Probably at a later period the two words were confused, and hence the various readings in the MSS. here and in Acts xxvi. 22, where however the preponderance of authority is decidedly in favour of μαρτυρόμενος the right reading. **Μαρτύρεσθαι** bears the same relation to μαρτυρεῖν as ἔρεσθαι to ἔρειν.

12. τοῦ καλοῦντος] the present participle, as below, v. 24, though the aorist is more frequently used. Either tense may be employed indifferently. Compare Gal. i. 6 ἀπὸ τοῦ καλέσαντος ὑμᾶς with Gal. v. 8 ἐκ τοῦ καλοῦντος ὑμᾶς. The fact that we never find the present of the finite verb in this sense, but always a past tense, as ἐκάλεσεν, κέκληκεν, ἐκλήθητε, suggests as the true explanation of the present participle that it is used substantively, without any idea of time, referring to the person and not the act, ‘your caller’ like ὁ τίκτων etc. See note on Gal. i. 23 ὁ διώκων ὑμᾶς ποτέ.

τὴν ἑαυτοῦ βασιλείαν] not the future heavenly kingdom of Christ, but the actual spiritual kingdom of which they were present members. Comp. 2 Thess. i. 5 **τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ Θεοῦ.** It is a state of things which has already begun. **Δόξαν** on the other hand points to the glorious development of that kingdom in which they hoped to participate hereafter.

iii. *Repetition of thanksgiving at their conversion and patience under persecution* (ii. 13—16).

13. **διὰ τοῦτο**] ‘*for this reason*,’ ‘seeing that we have bestowed so much labour and affection upon you, we are the more thankful that we have laboured to some purpose.’ This seems better than referring **διὰ τοῦτο** solely to the dependent clause **τοῦ καλούντος ὑμᾶς κ.τ.λ.** which is not prominent enough to introduce it. A new paragraph may be supposed to begin at ver. 13.

καὶ ἡμεῖς] ‘we also, we on our part—as *you* bear witness to our devotion in your service, so *we in return* thank God that you have listened to our teaching.’ The words **καὶ ἡμεῖς** correspond in some sense to **αὐτοὶ γάρ οἴδατε** (ii. 1); and fitly introduce the new paragraph, in which St Paul turns away from the teachers to speak of the taught. The same expression occurs in Col. i. 9, where see the note.

παραλαβόντες ἐδέξασθε] Any attempt to translate these words into the corresponding English, as e.g. **παραλαμβάνειν** ‘to take,’ **δέχεσθαι** ‘to accept,’ tends to exaggerate the distinction. Nevertheless it must not be lost sight of. **Δέχεσθαι** implies a slight degree of acquiescence or appropriation, or at least consciousness, which is absent in **παραλαμβάνειν**; or in technical language, while **παραλαμβάνειν** denotes simply the objective fact, **δέχεσθαι** presents the subjective aspect of the act of receiving. Compare Demosth. *F. L.*, p. 384 οὐκ ἐδέξαντο οὐδὲ ἔλαβον ταῦτα οἱ τῶν Θηβαίων πρέσβεις, ‘they did not snap at nor would they even accept the money,’ and Xen. *Cyrop.* i. 4. 26 **τὸν μέντοι λαβόντας καὶ δεξαμένους τὰ δώρα λέγεται Ἀστυαγέῖ ἀπενεγκεῖν**, quoted by Koch. See also the commentators on the parable of the sower, Luke viii. 13 μετὰ χαρᾶς δέχονται τὸν λόγον, and Mark iv. 16 μετὰ χαρᾶς λαμβάνουσιν αὐτόν. The distinction is significant here: ‘when the word of hearing was delivered to you, you took it to yourselves as the word of God.’ See Acts xi. 1, where the word **δέξασθαι** is coupled with **τὸν λόγον**, as here, and the note on Col. ii. 6.

λόγον ἀκοής] The word **ἀκοής** is not an idle addition here, but derives its force from the accompanying expressions **ἐδέξασθε** and **οὐς καὶ ἐνεργεῖται.** ‘The word of hearing was delivered to you, but it became something more than the word of hearing to you. You appropriated it. It sank into your hearts, and produced fruits in your practice.’ The phrase **ὁ λόγος τῆς ἀκοῆς** occurs also in Heb. iv. 2 ἀλλ’ οὐκ ὥφελησεν ὁ λόγος τῆς ἀκοῆς ἐκείνους, μὴ συγκεκερασμένους τῇ πίστει τοῖς ἀκούσασιν, where, as here, it

stands in contrast to the faithful reception of the Gospel. Compare also Rom. x. 17 ἄρα η πίστις ἐξ ἀκοῆς, η δὲ ἀκοὴ διὰ ρήματος Χριστοῦ.

παρ' ἡμῶν] naturally attaches itself to *παραλαβόντες*, and not to *ἀκοῆς*, a harsh construction which however has found favour with many.

τοῦ Θεοῦ] is emphatic by its position, and is intended to deprecate any false deduction from *παρ' ἡμῶν*. ‘Ye received the word of hearing from us, albeit it came in fact from God.’ *Τοῦ Θεοῦ* is therefore a subjective genitive ‘proceeding from God, having God for its author,’ as its emphatic position requires; and not ‘about God, of which God is the object,’ as we might otherwise be disposed to take it. Ecumenius explains the phrase rightly *παρ' ἡμῶν μὲν παρελάβετε, οὐχ ἡμέτερον δὲ ὄντα, ἀλλὰ τοῦ Θεοῦ*. The Apostle betrays a nervous apprehension that he may be unconsciously making claims for himself; the awkwardness of the position of the words *τοῦ Θεοῦ* is the measure of the emphasis of his disclaimer.

οὐ λόγον ἀνθρώπων] ‘Ye received it not as the word of men, but as etc.’ i.e. ‘with the respect and obedience due to it, as the word of God. It was to you in your welcome of it the word of God.’ For the omission of *ἀς* comp. Kühner II. p. 226, Lambert Bos *Ellips.* p. 781 ed. Schäfer 1808. That this is the sense of the passage appears not only from the general context, but especially from the phrase *καθὼς ἀληθῶς ἔστιν*, which would be rendered meaningless if the words were translated, ‘ye received not the word of men, but the word of God,’ as it is taken by some.

ὅς καὶ ἐνεργεῖται] This is to be referred not to *Θεός*, but to *λόγος*; for, first, St Paul observing a very significant distinction always uses the active *ἐνεργεῖν* of God, and so by contrast of the spirit of evil (Ephes. ii. 2), and the middle *ἐνεργεῖσθαι* in other cases (see the note on Gal. v. 6); and, secondly, the natural sequence in the passage is preserved by taking the verb with *λόγος*. (1) The word received into the ears, (2) the word appropriated in the heart, (3) the word fructifying in good works—these are the stages which the Apostle here expresses.

ἐν ὑμῖν τοῖς πιστεύουσιν] *Πίστις* and *ἀκοὴ* are contrasted in the passages cited above in the note on *λόγον ἀκοῆς*. This passage, like Gal. v. 6, *πίστις δὲ ἀγάπης ἐνεργουμένη (ἰσχύει)*, supplies the link which connects the teaching of St Paul on faith and works with that of St James.

14. *ὑμεῖς γάρ*] ‘for you showed signs of the active working of the Gospel, in the persecution which you endured.’

ὑμεῖς γάρ μιμηταὶ κ.τ.λ.] This passage, implying an affectionate admiration of the Jewish Churches on the part of St Paul, and thus fully bearing out the impression produced by the narrative in the Acts, is entirely subversive of the theory maintained by some and based on a misconception of Gal. ii. and by the fiction of the Pseudo-Clementines, of the feud existing between St Paul and the Twelve. The staunchest maintainer of this theory by a sort of *petitio principii* uses this passage as a strong argument against the authenticity of the Epistle (Baur *Paulus* p. 482 sq.).

τῶν ἐκκλησιῶν] The word **ἐκκλησία**, as most other terms relating to the ministry and organization of the Christian community, e.g. **ἐπίσκοπος**, **λειτουργία**, is borrowed from the civil polity of the heathen, their religious terms having been so indelibly stamped with a meaning of their own as to render them unavailable for the purposes of Christianity. Just in the same way, at a later stage, for the most part the basilicas, not the temples, were employed for Christian worship. At the same time however, though this was the original and prominent signification of the **ἐκκλησία**, it was not unknown as applied to religious assemblies among the Jews, e.g. Acts vii. 38 ή **ἐκκλησία** ἐν τῇ ἑρήμῳ, and is in fact the word used to translate **הֵבֶר**, e.g. in Psalm xxii. 22. We must remember however that in the theocracy ‘political’ and ‘religious’ were convertible terms. And, though the word **συναγωγὴ** was used for a meeting in a fixed place for purposes of prayer by the Jews and even by the Jewish Christians (James ii. 2), so that the heretical Ebionite sect clung to the term for some centuries (Epiph. xxx. 18 **συναγωγὴν** δὲ οὗτοι καλέουσι τὴν ἑαυτῶν **ἐκκλησίαν** καὶ οὐχὶ **ἐκκλησίαν**), still the word **ἐκκλησία** might fairly apply to a Jewish religious assembly. Hence it was not sufficient to describe the Christian communities in Judæa as **αἱ ἐκκλησίαι**, or even as **αἱ ἐκκλησίαι τοῦ Θεοῦ**, for these expressions would apply equally well to the Jews; but it was necessary to specify them as **ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ** ‘the Christian Churches in Judæa.’ The same fear of misapprehension is observable elsewhere, e.g. Gal. i. 22 **ταῖς ἐκκλησίαις τῆς Ἰουδαίας ταῖς ἐν Χριστῷ**, where see the note: see above, i. 1; and further in the next note.

ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ] Not to be taken with **μητρὶ ἐγενήθη**, but with **τῶν ἐκκλησιῶν οὐσῶν ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ**. The absence of the article is no objection (see i. 1, iv. 16). The reason why these words are added is given in the last note, and applies equally to the parallel passages, Gal. i. 22, 1 Cor. i. 2, which serve to explain the construction here.

καὶ ἡμεῖς...καὶ αὐτοὶ] The comparison is strengthened by the insertion of **καὶ** in both clauses. Compare Eph. v. 23 **ὡς καὶ ὁ Χριστός** (where see Ellicott’s note), Rom. i. 13 **καὶ ἐν ὑμῖν καθὼς καὶ ἐν τοῖς λοιποῖς ἔθνεσιν**. **Καὶ αὐτοὶ** ‘they themselves,’ to be understood from **τῶν ἐκκλησιῶν κ.τ.λ.**

συμφυλετῶν] That the Gentiles are here meant is clear from the marked opposition to **ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων**, further enforced as it is by **ἰδίων**. Though the Jews appear in the Acts as the chief persecutors of St Paul at Thessalonica, yet we cannot doubt that the course of events was the same there as elsewhere; the opposition to the Gospel instigated by the Jews was taken up by the native population, without whose cooperation the Jews would have been powerless. The words **συμφυλετῶν**, **Ἰουδαίων** denote rather national than religious limits. Thus **συμφυλετῶν** would include such Jews as were free citizens of Thessalonica. See Paley, *Horae Paul.* ix. 5.

Upon the word the grammarians remark that the earlier writers adopt the simple forms in this and similar cases, e.g. **φυλέτης**, **πολίτης**, **δημότης**

(Arist. *An.* 367 ὅπε τε ξυγγενῆ καὶ φυλέτα), and that the compounds συμφύλέτης, συμπολίτης, συνδημότης are of later introduction. This is true as a general rule, but the word συμφυλέτης is apparently an exception, occurring in Isocr. *Panathen.* 27 (p. 263 A) if the reading be not doubtful. See Lobeck *Phryn.* pp. 172, 471, Herodian p. 471, ed. Lobeck, and the note on Gal. i. 14 συνηλικώτας.

καθὼς] is equivalent here to ἄτερ, and corresponds to τὰ αὐτὰ above, 'the same...as.' See Lobeck *Phryn.* p. 426 sq., Kühner ii. p. 571.

15. What account can we give of this digression on the conduct of the Jews, so unexpected and startling at first sight? What was the impulse at work in the Apostle's mind? A ready answer to these questions suggests itself in the circumstances of this period of his life. At no other time probably did he suffer more from the hostility of the Jews. They had driven him from Thessalonica, had tracked him out at Berea, and expelled him thence, and they still continued their persecution of him at Corinth on the occasion of the visit during which these Epistles were written. They were to him therefore the embodiment of the opposition to the Gospel, the very type of Antichrist himself.

τῶν καὶ τὸν Κύριον ἀποκτεινάντων κ.τ.λ.] 'who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets.' Καὶ before τὸν Κύριον couples it with καὶ τοὺς προφήτας. The emphatic word from its position in the sentence is not τὸν Κύριον, as is generally assumed, but Ἰησοῦν, 'they killed the Lord, for they killed Jesus.' Compare St Peter's words in Acts ii. 36 ὅτι καὶ Κύριον αὐτὸν καὶ Χριστὸν ἐποίησεν ὁ Θεὸς τούτον τὸν Ἰησοῦν ὃν ὑμεῖς ἐσταυρώσατε, where the emphatic words are placed last; and above i. 10, where a like prominence is given to the name.

καὶ τοὺς προφήτας] They are the same from first to last. They killed the Lord Jesus in the end, as they had killed the prophets before Him, in whose case at least they could not plead the excuse of ignorance (Matt. xxiii. 29 sq.). Thus the parable of the Unjust Husbandmen applies to them.

Tertullian (*adv. Marc.* v. 15) accuses Marcion of inserting *ἰδίους* in the text before προφήτας ('suos adjectio haeretici') with the intent to show that the prophets belonged not to the Church of Christ, but to the Jews. Tertullian however is so reckless in his charges against Marcion, that no stress can be laid upon this as a fact. The authority of the MSS. is certainly in favour of omitting *ἰδίους*, and there is a tendency to the insertion of the word elsewhere, e.g. iv. 11, Ephes. iv. 28 (where possibly it may stand), v. 24. This is a transcriber's trick for the sake of precision, and is quite innocent of any doctrinal bias. See the note on Col. iii. 18 τοῖς ἀνδράσι, where again *ἰδίους* is an unwarrantable insertion.

ἐκδιωξάντων] A. V. 'persecuted.' More than this, 'persecuted and drove us out,' stated generally, but doubtless with a special reference (which would be caught up by his readers) to his expulsion from Thessalonica (Acts xvii. 5—10).

πάσιν ἀνθρώποις ἐναντίων] This expression at once recalls the language of Tacitus (*Hist.* v. 5) speaking of the Jews ‘adversus omnes alios hostile odium.’ Nor is this a mere resemblance of expression, though the two phrases are not coextensive. The spirit in which Tacitus so describes them may be inferred from the account given by Juvenal (xiv. 103, 104) of this unfriendly race, which denied even the commonest offices of hospitality to strangers—‘non monstrare vias eadem nisi sacra tenenti, Quaesitum ad fontem solos deducere verpos.’ Comp. Philostr. *Vit. Apoll. Tyan.* v. 33 οἱ Ἰουδαῖοι βίον ἄμικτον εὐρόντες, καὶ οἱ μήτε κοινὴ πρὸς ἀνθρώπους τράπεζα μήτε σπουδαὶ μήτε εὐχαὶ μήτε θυσίαι πλέον ἀφεστᾶσιν ἡμῶν ἡ Σοῦσα κ.τ.λ., Diod. Sic. xxxiv. 1 τοὺς Ἰουδαίους μόνους ἀπάντων ἔθνων ἀκοινωνήτους εἶναι τῆς πρὸς ἄλλο ἔθνος ἐπιμιξίας καὶ πολεμίους ὑπολαμβάνειν πάντας κ.τ.λ. St Paul on the other hand views their hostility to mankind as exemplified in their opposing the extension of the Gospel to the Gentiles (see next note). But both the one and the other characteristic—their exclusiveness in the matter of spiritual privileges, and their selfish narrowness in the common things of life—were due to the same unloving and illiberal spirit, all the more odious in that it was a caricature and an unnatural outgrowth of the isolated purity of their old monotheism.

16. **κωλυόντων**] ‘in that they hinder us.’ This clause is most naturally taken as explanatory of **πάσιν ἀνθρώποις ἐναντίων**, otherwise it would have been **τῶν κωλυόντων** or **καὶ κωλυόντων**. This was the ground of the opposition of the Jews to St Paul as recorded in the Acts, elsewhere (xiii. 48 sq.), and at Thessalonica itself (xvii. 5 *ζηλώσαντες δὲ οἱ Ἰουδαῖοι κ.τ.λ.*).

λαλῆσαι ἵνα σωθῶσιν] is capable of two interpretations, either (1) ‘to speak to them, to the end that they may be saved’ or (2) ‘to tell them to be saved,’ as if the infinitive had been used. The latter, though not a classical usage of *ἵνα*, is quite legitimate in New Testament (see Winer, § xliv. p. 420 sq.), and in modern Greek its equivalent *νὰ* has displaced the infinitive in common use. Here however the former sense seems required to give force to the passage, and is borne out by corresponding passages in St Paul: e.g. 1 Cor. x. 33, where the same phrase occurs; see also the note on v. 4.

ἀναπληρώσαι] Not exactly equivalent to the simple verb **πληρῶσαι**, ‘to fill the measure’; but ‘to fill *up* the measure’ of their sin, implying that the process of filling had already begun, drop after drop being poured into the cup of their guilt. Compare the LXX. of Gen. xv. 16, where the word is a translation of **מִלְחָמָה**. On the other hand in Gal. vi. 2 **ἀναπληρώσετε τὸν νόμον τοῦ Χριστοῦ** the idea of completeness is uppermost; see the note there.

εἰς τὸ ἀναπληρώσαι] ‘so as to fulfil.’ The preposition **εἰς** with the infinitive in the New Testament generally, it is true, signifies the purpose ‘with a view to,’ ‘in order to,’ but it sometimes expresses nothing more than the consequence ‘so that.’ Comp. e.g. 2 Cor. viii. 6 **εἰς τὸ παρακα-**

λέσται ἡμᾶς Τίτον κ.τ.λ., and perhaps Hebr. xi. 3. We cannot therefore insist in this passage on the idea of a conscious intention on the part of the Jews, or even of a divine purpose overruling their conduct, though the latter is not an improbable interpretation either grammatically or theologically.

πάντοτε] ‘at all times;’ by the persecution of the prophets before Christ, by the persecution of Christ Himself, and by the persecution of His disciples after Him. **Πάντοτε** is condemned by the Atticists; see Lobeck *Phryn.* p. 103, Moeris, p. 319.

ἔφθασεν δὲ] This verb occurs seven times in the New Testament. In five of these the construction is **φθάνειν ἐνὶ** or **εἰς**, the exceptional cases being 1 Thess. iv. 15, 2 Cor. x. 14, and in all seven passages but 1 Thess. iv. 15 **φθάνειν** means ‘to arrive.’ The original notion of anticipation, or surprise is sometimes weak in the New Testament, as 2 Cor. x. 14, Phil. iii. 16; but here it may well bear that meaning, compare also Matt. xii. 28.

It is doubtful whether **ἔφθακεν** or **ἔφθασεν** is the right reading. The perfect is easier of explanation, denoting a judgment which had already arrived but was not yet completed. The aorist however has somewhat the stronger support from the manuscripts, and is usually explained either (1) as a prophetic anticipation, but there is no prophetic colouring in the diction here; or (2) as a reference to the foreordained counsels of God, but there is nothing in the expression itself, or the context, to lead to such an interpretation. If therefore we prefer this reading, it is better to adopt (3) the simple explanation that it denotes merely past time, without any thought of the continuance of the action itself or of its effects (the notion conveyed by the perfect), such continuance however not being negated, and in fact it must from the circumstances of the case be understood. There may however be a special reference to the act of infatuation on the part of the Jews evidenced by slaying the Saviour. Their conduct towards our Lord may well be regarded by the Apostle as the beginning of the end. In the *Test. xii Patr. Levi* 6 the passage is quoted with the reading **ἔφθασεν**.

ἡ ὁργὴ] See the note on i. 10, and compare **ἡ ἡμέρα** (om. **ἔκεινη**), 1 Thess. v. 4, Heb. x. 25.

εἰς τέλος] ‘to the uttermost.’ This meaning of **εἰς τέλος** is indeed unsupported elsewhere in the New Testament, where apparently it always signifies ‘to the last,’ ‘for ever,’ as John xiii. 1; comp. Ignat. *Ephes.* 14 **ἐάν τις εὑρεθῇ εἰς τέλος.** It is however frequent in the LXX. (e.g. Ps. xii. 1), and elsewhere, e.g. Ep. Barnabas, § 19. 11 **εἰς τέλος μισήσεις τὸν πονηρόν,** Hermas *Vis.* 3. 10. 5 **Διαρὰ εἰς τέλος.** The sense ‘at last’ would be appropriate here, ‘at last they were overtaken in the midst of their wickedness;’ but the only biblical passage quoted in support of this meaning (Luke xviii. 5) is capable of another interpretation. For the sentiment comp. Wisdom xix. 1 **τοῖς δὲ ἀσέβεσι μέχρι τέλους ἀνελεῖμων θυμὸς ἐπέστη.**

What was this divine judgment, which the Apostle speaks of as

having already fallen on the Jews? We might be tempted to think that he foretold the final overthrow of the nation and the destruction of their city and temple. But this is an inadequate explanation. There is no sign of any kind that the inspiration of the Apostle here assumes a directly predictive character. There is no prophetic colouring in the passage. On the contrary, he spoke of some stern reality which was already working before his eyes: and even to one not gifted with an Apostle's prophetic insight, yet endowed with average moral sensibilities, there was enough in the actual condition of this nation to lead him to regard them as suffering under a blow of divine retribution. There were the actual physical evils, under which they were groaning. There was the disorganization of their internal polity. There was their utter disregard of all moral distinctions, to which their own historian Josephus draws attention. There was above all their infatuated opposition to the Gospel, than which no more decisive proof of judicial blindness, or it might be of conscious and headlong precipitation into ruin, could be conceived by the Christian mind. The maxim 'Quem deus vult perdere, prius dementat' is not a Christian maxim; but it has a Christian counterpart, in that those who 'like not to retain God in their knowledge, God gives over to a reprobate mind' (Rom. i. 28). God's wrath then was no longer suspended; it had already fallen on the once hallowed, but now accursed, race. We may suppose moreover that the prophecies of our Lord relating to the destruction of Jerusalem were floating before St Paul's mind—prophecies dim and vague indeed and, we may fairly assume, not fully understood even by St Paul—but sufficiently portentous to arouse fearful anticipations. They would give new meaning and importance to the actual evils of which he was an eyewitness. The end was not yet, but the beginning of the end was come. For a similar anticipation compare i. 10.

iv. *Anxiety of St Paul on their behalf, until reassured by the report brought by Timothy (ii. 17—iii. 10).*

17. οἵμεῖς δέ] 'But we.' To return from this digression about the Jews (vv. 15, 16) and speak once more of ourselves.

ἀπορφανισθέντες] 'bereft of and separated from;' as children deprived of their parents.

The word ὄρφανὸς (Latin 'orbus'), though most frequently applied to the bereavement of a child who has lost a parent, is in itself quite general in meaning, denoting the loss of any friend or relation and including the bereavement of a parent. Probably however here the best and most touching sense is to render as above, carrying out the Apostle's metaphor of νήπιοι ii. 7 and to translate, 'we are like children who have lost their parents.' See Æsch. *Choeph.* 249, where the word occurs in this sense. In any case, the aspect of the word here would not be perceptibly influenced by ἀδελφοί; see above ver. 9.

πρὸς καιρὸν ὥρας] ‘for the measure of a season,’ i.e. for a brief period. This is a stronger expression than *πρὸς καιρὸν* and *πρὸς ὥραν*, both of which phrases are found in St Paul (1 Cor. vii. 5; 2 Cor. vii. 8, Gal. ii. 5, Phil. 15).

On *καιρὸς* see the note on v. 1. The word *ὥρα* is connected with *ὅρος*, denoting properly ‘a limited time.’ The signification of an hour is of comparatively late introduction, dating from about the second century B.C.

προσώπῳ οὐ καρδίᾳ] is parenthetical, and qualifies the expression *ἀποφανισθέντες*, ‘though in one sense we are always with you’: comp. 1 Cor. v. 3 *ἀπών τῷ σώματι, παρὼν δὲ τῷ πνεύματι*, and Col. ii. 1, 2, 5 (with the notes).

περισσοτέρως] here, as always in St Paul, is strictly comparative, referring to *ἀποφανισθέντες*. ‘Separation, so far from weakening our desire to see you, has only increased it. When we could see you day by day, our yearning was not so intense.’ On the word itself see Gal. i. 14 (with the note).

18. *διότι*] ‘because.’ This is the best supported reading and is generally translated ‘therefore,’ as if *διό*: comp. 1 Pet. ii. 6, where also it is the best supported reading. But it is questionable whether it can bear this meaning, though Fritzsche on Rom. i. 18 (1. p. 57) adopts this view, translating it ‘hanc ob rem.’ Elsewhere in the New Testament, as always in classical writers, the word has one of three meanings, either (1) ‘on what account,’ (2) ‘because,’ or (3) ‘that,’ but never ‘therefore.’ This distinction from *διὸ* is due to the indefiniteness of *ὅτι*. If *διότι* then be the right reading, it must be taken ‘because,’ i.e. ‘in proof whereof,’ ‘that.’ *Διότι* in the sense of *ὅτι* ‘that’ occurs in several spurious documents in Demosthenes, e.g. *de Corona* pp. 279, 284, 290.

ἔγώ μὲν Παῦλος κ.τ.λ.] ‘I Paul at least desired it more than once, whatever may be the feelings of Silvanus and Timotheus.’ The suppressed clause with *δὲ* might have run *οἱ δὲ ἄλλοι περὶ ἑαυτῶν λεγέτωσαν*. For this suppression of the second member compare Col. ii. 23 *Ἔτια ἔστιν λόγου μὲν ἔχοντα σοφίας* (with the note). Thus *ἔγώ* is not coextensive with *ἡμεῖς*. The genius of the language will not admit it.

The words *ἔγώ μὲν Παῦλος* then do not simply give the subject of *ἡθελήσαμεν*, for then *μὲν* would be robbed of any meaning, but they explain and qualify the general assertion ‘we desired;’ and the following words *καὶ ἅπαξ καὶ δὶς* must be taken, not with *ἡθελήσαμεν*, but with *ἔγώ μὲν Παῦλος*, for the order shows that the *μὲν* clause includes them. Accordingly the comma in the E. V. after ‘Paul’ should be omitted. On the whole question of St Paul’s supposed use of the epistolary plural, see above, ii. 4.

καὶ ἅπαξ καὶ δὶς] Not necessarily ‘twice only,’ but ‘more than once,’ ‘again and again.’ Comp. Phil. iv. 16 (with the note).

ἐνέκοψεν] On this word see the note on Gal. v. 7. The same metaphor is employed below, iii. 11 *κατενθύναι τὴν ὁδὸν ἡμῶν*.

ὁ Σατανᾶς] with a genitive *Σατανᾶ*, is the form always found in the New Testament, except possibly 2 Cor. xii. 7, where some manuscripts read *Σατᾶν* indeclinable. Theophil. *ad Aut.* ii. 28, 29 has *Σατᾶν* and *Σατανᾶς* in

two successive chapters. Σατᾶν is the pure Hebrew form שָׁטָן, Σατανᾶς seems to be derived from the Aramaic שָׁטָן. The shorter form is found in 1 Kings xi. 14, the longer form in Ecclus. xxi. 27.

It is idle to enquire what was the nature of this hindrance. The most likely conjecture refers it to the opposition of the Jews. Or it might have been some illness, with which the Apostle was afflicted. Or again many other solutions are conceivable. The ‘temptation in the flesh’ alluded to elsewhere (Gal. iv. 14) refers to the same period in St Paul’s life. We are tempted at once to connect it with the thorn in the flesh which St Paul represents as ‘an angel of Satan given to buffet him’ (2 Cor. xii. 7). But Satan works in many ways; and even if we were sure that the hindrance was the same in both cases, we are still far from a result, for the ‘thorn in the flesh’ is an expression which itself admits of more than one explanation. See the note on St Paul’s infirmity in the flesh (*Galatians*, p. 186 sq.).

19. χαρά, στέφανος] He uses similar language in addressing the other great Church of Macedonia, which he regarded with even greater affection, Phil. iv. 1 ἀδελφοί μου ἀγαπητοὶ καὶ ἐπιτόθητοι, χαρὰ καὶ στέφανός μου. For the ideas conveyed by the word στέφανος and its distinction from διάδημα, see the note on the passage, and add to the references there given 2 Tim. iv. 7, 8, *Eph. Vienn. et Lugd.* ἔχρη γοῦν τὸν γενναῖον ἀθλητὸς...ἀπολαβεῖν τὸν μέγαν τῆς ἀφθαρσίας στέφανον, and a little below of Blandina μέγαν καὶ ἀκαταγώνιστον ἀθλητὴν Χριστὸν ἐνδεδυμένη...καὶ δι’ ἄγῶνος τὸν τῆς ἀφθαρσίας στέφανην στέφανον (Routh *R. S.* I. pp. 309, 311).

ἐλπὶς η̄ χαρὰ κ.τ.λ.] St Paul is not speaking here of the prospect of a reward or of any selfish rejoicing or triumph. The Thessalonians are his hope and joy, and the crown of his glory, as a child is of its parent. So Chrysostom: τίς οὐκ ἀν ἐπὶ τοσαύτῳ πολυπαιδίᾳ καὶ εὐπαιδίᾳ ἀγάλλοιτο;

στέφανος καυχήσεως] A phrase borrowed from the LXX. Ezek. xvi. 12, xxiii. 42, Prov. xvi. 31.

καυχήσεως] ‘wherein we boast, the subject of our boasting.’

η̄ οὐχὶ καὶ ὑμεῖς] The E. V. following the vulg. (‘nonne’) takes η̄ as an interrogative particle; and this is so far unobjectionable that it fulfils the conditions of η̄ interrogative in that it is preceded by another interrogative. But this interpretation makes no account of the καὶ. Hence it is better to consider η̄ here as a disjunctive particle, ‘or (if others are our joy, etc.), are not ye also,’ in other words, ‘if you are not our joy, no one else is.’ So St Chrysostom οὐ γὰρ εἰπεν ‘ὑμεῖς’ ἀπλῶς ἀλλὰ ‘καὶ ὑμεῖς,’ μετὰ τῶν ἀλλῶν.

ἴμπροσθεν τοῦ Κυρίου κ.τ.λ.] refers to the whole of the preceding sentence τίς γὰρ...ὑμεῖς, i.e. ‘in the presence of the Lord, when all things will appear in their true light.’

ἐν τῇ αὐτοῦ παρονοσίᾳ] ‘at His advent.’ For παρονοσίᾳ see the note on 2 Thess. ii. 8.

20. ὑμεῖς γὰρ] ‘Yes truly, ye are.’ For this use of γὰρ introducing a reply, comp. Acts xvi. 37 οὐ γὰρ ἀλλὰ κ.τ.λ., 1 Cor. ix. 10, and see Winer, § liii. p. 559.

CHAPTER III.

I. Διδό] ‘On which account,’ i.e. ‘on account of this very fervent desire, which I was unable to gratify.’

μηκέτι] The frequent use of $\mu\bar{n}$ with a participle in later authors, where in writers of the classical epoch we should have found $o\bar{v}$, is too marked to escape notice. We are not however justified on this account in saying that later writers are incorrect in their use of the negatives. The distinction of $o\bar{v}$ as the absolute and $\mu\bar{n}$ as the relative, dependent or conditional negative, is always observed, at least in the New Testament. $M\bar{y}$ for instance is never used in a direct, absolute statement. But in participial clauses it is most frequently possible to state the matter in either way, either absolutely, or in its relation to the action described by the finite verb of the sentence. Here, for instance, $o\bar{v}\kappa\acute{e}ti\sigma t\acute{e}yovres$ might easily stand, in which case the sense would be, ‘we could no longer contain and we thought fit;’ whereas $\mu\eta\kappa\acute{e}ti\sigma t\acute{e}yovres$ is ‘as being able no longer to contain, we thought fit.’ This phenomenon of the displacement of $o\bar{v}$ by $\mu\bar{n}$ in the later Greek may perhaps be explained by the general tendency in the decline of a language to greater refining and subtlety in contrast to the simplicity of the earlier syntax. In the earlier stages of a language, and in languages whose growth has been for some cause arrested (the Hebrew, for instance, and in a still greater degree the Chinese), as in the talk of children, the sentences consist of a number of absolute, finite statements strung together, with little or no attempt to express their relation or interdependence by any grammatical expedient. As the syntax is developed, it is enabled to express these relations with more or less nicety. In the case before us the earliest form of the sentence would be $o\bar{v}\kappa\acute{e}ti\acute{e}st\acute{e}yovmen\ kai\ \eta\bar{v}\delta\bar{o}\kappa\acute{e}t\acute{a}m\bar{v}en$, which simply states the two facts side by side without expressing any connexion: the next advance is $o\bar{v}\kappa\acute{e}ti\sigma t\acute{e}yovres\ \eta\bar{v}\delta\bar{o}\kappa\acute{e}t\acute{a}m\bar{v}en$, which synchronizes the two facts, yet does not state any other relation but that of time, though it may suggest such. At this stage the language had arrived in the classical period. The third and later form is $\mu\eta\kappa\acute{e}ti\sigma t\acute{e}yovres\ \eta\bar{v}\delta\bar{o}\kappa\acute{e}t\acute{a}m\bar{v}en$, which not only synchronizes the two facts, but also expresses that ‘the inability to contain’ was a motive which determined the ‘determination.’ See Winer § lv. p. 593 sq., Madvig *Syntax* § 207.

στέγοντες] The verb *στέγειν* ‘to cover,’ ‘to shelter,’ means primarily either ‘to keep in’ or ‘to keep out’ (compare the expression ‘to be watertight, air-tight’); and, like the Latin ‘defendere,’ takes an accusative either (1) of the thing protected or (2) of the thing against which the shelter is extended. It thus gets two different meanings, (a) ‘to protect, contain,’ (b) ‘to ward off, keep out.’ Thus a tower is said *στέγειν πόλιν* (Soph. *Œd. Col.* 15), and also *στέγειν δόρυ* (*Æsch. Sept. c. Theb.* 216). In the same way the English word ‘leak’ has two senses ‘to let water in,’ and ‘to let water out.’ To one or other of these leading ideas all the subordinate uses of *στέγειν*, either with the case or absolutely (i.e. with the accusative suppressed as here), may be referred. In the passage before us *στέγοντες* can be taken with almost equal propriety in either of these two meanings: (1) ‘no longer able to keep our feelings tight in’: comp. Plato *Gorg.* p. 493 C, where the soul is compared to a sieve unable to hold anything in by reason of its fickle and forgetful nature (*οὐ δυναμένην στέγειν δι’ ἀπιστίαν τε καὶ λήθην*, where see Thompson’s note, and comp. Eccl. viii. 17 of the fool *οὐ δυνήσεται λόγον στέξαι*); or (2) ‘no longer able to bear up against the pressure of this desire.’ On the whole however the usage of the word in later Greek seems decidedly in favour of the sense ‘to keep off,’ ‘to bear up under’ and so ‘to endure,’ see Philo *in Flacc.* § 9 p. 526 (*ed. Mangey*) *μηκέτι στέγειν δυνάμενοι τὰς ἐνθείας*: and this agrees with St Paul’s use elsewhere, 1 Cor. ix. 12 *πάντα στέγομεν*, which must, and 1 Cor. xiii. 7 *πάντα στέγει* which may bear this meaning.

εἰδοκήσαμεν] ‘we,’ referring to St Paul and Silvanus: see the note above (ii. 4) on St Paul’s use of the plural in his letters.

καταλειφθῆναι] ‘to be left behind,’ more definite than *λειφθῆναι*. In order to give its proper significance to the compound verb, we must suppose that Timotheus had joined St Paul at Athens, though in the Acts (xvii. 15) we only read of St Paul’s expecting him there, not of his actual arrival; and had been despatched thence to Thessalonica. If Timotheus had been sent to Thessalonica from Berea, without seeing the Apostle at all at Athens, the proper word would have been *μένειν* or at most *λειφθῆναι*. On the probable movements of the party see the next note.

2. **ἐπέμψαμεν]** ‘we,’ i.e. again Paul and Silvanus. So Bengel rightly. In order to reconcile the expressions here with the account in the Acts, the occurrences may be supposed to have happened in the following order. St Paul is waiting at Athens for Silvanus and Timotheus, having left them at Berea, and charged them by message to join him without delay (Acts xvii. 15, 16). They join him at Athens. Paul and Silvanus despatch Timotheus to Thessalonica (1 Thess. iii. 2). Silvanus is despatched on some other mission to Macedonia, perhaps to Berea. St Paul goes forward to Corinth (Acts xviii. 1). After he had been in Corinth some time, Silvanus and Timotheus return to him from Macedonia (Acts xviii. 4, 5). Thereupon the Apostle writes from Corinth to the Thessalonians, in the joint names of himself, Silvanus and Timotheus.

Though this mission of Timotheus was the joint action of Paul and Silvanus, yet St Paul, as might be expected, was the prime mover and most urgent promoter of it. See ver. 5 κἀγὼ and the note there.

τὸν ἀδελφὸν ἡμῶν] The same phrase is also used of Timotheus, as distinguished from ἀπόστολος, in the salutations of 2 Corinthians, Colossians, and Philemon, and by the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews (xiii. 23). He was not therefore, it would seem, an ‘Apostle,’ a term which, while applying to others besides St Paul and the Twelve (Acts xiv. 14), would appear to be restricted to those who had received their commission directly from the Lord. See the note ‘on the name and office of an Apostle’ in *Galatians*, p. 92 sq.

συνεργὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ] ‘*a fellow worker with God*,’ as the usage of συνεργὸς with the genitive elsewhere requires, e.g. Rom. xvi. 3, 9, 21, Phil. ii. 25, iv. 3, Philem. 1, 24. The same expression occurs in 1 Cor. iii. 9 Θεοῦ γάρ ἐσμεν συνεργοί. It was so startling however that the copyists here have tampered with the text in order to get rid of it, some (as B) omitting τοῦ Θεοῦ, others (as K) substituting διάκονον for συνεργόν.

παρακαλέσαι] Not to ‘comfort,’ as E.V.; but rather to ‘exhort’ or ‘encourage,’ for the opposition to σαίνεσθαι (ver. 3) requires this meaning. ‘We sent Timotheus,’ the Apostle explains, ‘not only to confirm you in your present conduct (*στηρίξαι*), but also to exhort you to fresh efforts (*παρακαλέσαι*)’. See the note on ii. 11.

ὑπὲρ τῆς πλοτεως ὑμῶν] ‘*for the establishment, furtherance of your faith*.’ Here, as in many other passages, the less usual ὑπὲρ has been altered by the scribes into περί. Though ὑπὲρ in the later stages of the language approaches nearer to περὶ in meaning, it does not (at least in the Greek of the New Testament) entirely lose its proper sense of ‘interest in.’ See the note on Gal. i. 4 περὶ τῶν ἀμαρτιῶν.

3. **τὸ μηδένα σαίνεσθαι]** The reading of this passage presents some difficulty. Τοῦ, τῷ and τὸ are all possible constructions with the infinitive—the *genitive* expressing the motive, ‘with a view to,’ the *dative* expressing the instrument, ‘by means of,’ the *accusative* expressing the end or result, ‘that so as a consequence.’ This distinction is in accordance with the well-known characteristics of the three cases in Greek, motion from, rest at, motion towards. In the present instance the reading of the *Textus Receptus* τῷ, rejected on the ground of MS. authority, is moreover incapable of any satisfactory grammatical explanation. If it could stand at all, it must mean ‘in no one’s being moved,’ a sort of dative of the manner or means of accomplishment. On the other hand, both τὸ and τοῦ give good sense, the difference consisting in this that the genitive views the result definitely as the motive of the action, which the former does not. Manuscript evidence however is decisive in favour of τὸ μηδένα σαίνεσθαι. The expression is sometimes explained as in apposition with τὸ στηρίξαι κ.τ.λ. and so governed by εἰς. But it is more correctly taken as dependent on the clause εἰς τὸ στηρίξαι...ὑμῶν, or perhaps better the whole

sentence from ἐπέμψαμεν...ὑμῶν describing the result or consequence. Translate 'to the end that,' and compare iv. 6 τὸ μὴ ὑπερβαίνειν with the note.

σαίνεσθαι] 'be led astray, allured from the right path.' Σάινειν (derived from σάω, σείω, see Blomfield on *Sept. c. Theb.* 378 and Donalds. *Cratyl.* § 473) is originally 'to shake or wag,' e.g. Hes. *Theog.* 771 οὐρῆ τε καὶ οὐστῖν of a dog: hence it is used especially of a dog wagging the tail (Hom. *Od.* xvi. 4, 6, 10, comp. the words σαίνουσας, σαίνουσίς in Hesych.), and frequently even with an accusative of a person 'to wag the tail at, to fawn upon.' Hence σαίνειν gets to signify 'to fondle, caress, flatter, coax, wheedle, allure, fascinate, deceive' (Æsch. *Choeph.* 186, Pind. *Olymp.* iv. 7), and even 'to avoid' (Æsch. *Sept. c. Theb.* 378, 701). This seems to be the meaning here; 'that no one, in the midst of these troubles, desert the rough path of the truth, drawn aside and allured by the enticing prospect of an easier life.' This is the temptation alluded to in ver. 5. Observe also it is ἐν ταῖς θλίψεσιν ταύταις, not ὑπὸ τῶν θλίψεων τούτων. Comp. *Mari. Ign.* 9 (p. 356, ed. Dressel) πολὺς ἦν ὑποστάνων καὶ καταψῶν said of Trajan.

On the other hand it is taken by some in the sense 'to be disturbed, disquieted' (e.g. Chrysostom and Theophylact θορυβεῖσθαι), with a reference to its root σείων; but the history of the word, showing that its derivation was entirely lost sight of in its later usage, is quite averse to this interpretation, nor can any passages be produced where it bears this meaning. Those commonly adduced may be otherwise interpreted, e.g. Diog. Laert. VIII. 41 σαύμενοι τοῖς λεγομένοις ἔδακρυν καὶ φρωτον, cited by Ellicott from Elsner, where the sense of 'under the influence of' is adequate. Again in Eur. *Rhes.* 55 the idea is rather of encouragement, or at least attraction, than of disquietude, and so Soph. *Antig.* 1214. Lachmann reads ἀσαίνεσθαι in the sense of 'to be disgusted,' a verb connected with ἀσάομαι from ἀση fastidium (see Steph. *Thes.* s. v. ἀσάομαι). Hesychius explains ἀσαίνων as ὑβρίζων, λυπῶν, and ἀσαίνεσθαι as λυπεῖσθαι. See also Cobet *Præf. ad Cod. Vat.* p. xc. Severianus in Cramer's *Catena* explains as τὸ μηδένα ξενίζεσθαι. Theodore of Mopsuestia is here translated 'cedere.'

ἐν ταῖς θλίψεσιν ταύταις] 'in the midst of these afflictions which beset us and you alike.'

ἀντολ] i.e. 'without my repeating it.'

εἰς τοῦτο] i.e. τὸ θλίβεσθαι.

κείμεθα] 'we are appointed, ordained;' see the note on Phil. i. 16 κείματι.

4. πρὸς ὑμᾶς] The use of πρὸς with the accusative is not uncommon after verbs implying rest; comp. 2 Thess. ii. 5, Gal. i. 18, 1 Cor. xvi. 6, Mark vi. 3.

ὅτι μέλλομεν θλίβεσθαι] 'we are about to,' or perhaps better, for the οἴδατε seems to require it, 'are destined to suffer persecution.' Μέλλομεν

is used rather than ἐμέλλομεν, because the Apostle's words are given in the oratio recta, for which we are prepared by ὅτι. See e.g. Acts xv. 5 ἔξαντησάν τινες λέγοντες ὅτι δεῖ περιτέμνειν and other examples given by Winer (§ xli. p. 376).

For the whole passage compare Acts xiv. 22, where it is said of Paul and Barnabas ἐπιστηρίζοντες τὰς ψυχὰς τῶν μαθητῶν, παρακαλοῦντες ἐμμένειν τὴν πίστει καὶ ὅτι διὰ πολλῶν Θλίψεων δεῖ ἡμᾶς εἰσελθεῖν εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ. Observe here, beyond the general resemblance to the passage in the Thessalonian Epistle, the occurrence of the same words (*ἐπιστηρίζειν*, *παρακαλεῖν*, *πίστις*, *Θλίψεις*, and of ὅτι introducing the direct narrative in the same way as here. The completeness of the parallel is an undesigned coincidence of no ordinary importance. And it does not stand alone. It recurs, with more or less marked emphasis, wherever St Luke reports St Paul's words, showing that he repeats them with the accuracy of an ear-witness. In this case, as the Apostle tells us in this verse, the language employed had been often used to the Thessalonian converts; St Paul had dwelt on this topic (*ὅτε πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἡμεν προεέγομεν*).

μᾶλλομεν] i.e. all Christians, as the parallel passage just cited shows.

καθὼς καὶ ἐγένετο καὶ οἴδατε] 'as indeed it came to pass and ye have learnt from bitter experience.' It is better not to take καὶ...καὶ as correlative 'both...and,' because that would imply a greater distinction between ἐγένετο and οἴδατε than the sense of the passage warrants.

5. *διὰ τοῦτο*] i.e. 'because these persecutions had already befallen you.'

κἀγώ] 'I on my part,' seeing what you were suffering. Compare the note on ii. 13, where καὶ ἡμεῖς is used in the same way. *Κἀγώ* here is not intended to limit the plural of ver. I *μηκέτι στέγοντες* to St Paul himself, but simply to give greater prominence to the part which he took in despatching Timothy, though Silvanus acquiesced in and sympathized with the project. Exactly in the same spirit he adds *ἐγὼ μὲν Παῦλος καὶ ἄπαξ καὶ διს* after the plural *ἡθελήσαμεν* in ii. 18.

μήπως ἐπείρασεν...καὶ...γένηται] For the change of moods compare Gal. ii. 2 *μήπως εἰς κενὸν τρέχω ἢ ἔδραμον*, where *τρέχω* is the subjunctive, see the note there. The indicative *ἐπείρασεν* describes a past action, now inevitable, which St Paul could not have affected in any way; *γένηται* a possible future consequence of that past action, hence is strictly a hypothetical mood. It is unnecessarily harsh to assign different meanings to *μήπως* in the two clauses, as though it meant 'an forte,' 'to see whether' when applied to *ἐπείρασεν*, and 'ne forte' 'to prevent by any chance' as applied to *γένηται* (Fritzsche *Opusc.* p. 176). Comp. Eur. *Phæn.* 92 *ἐπίσχεις ὡς ἀν προύξερευνήσω στίβον, Μή τις πολιτῶν ἐν τρίβῳ φαντάζεται, Κάμοι μὲν Ἐλθη φαῦλος, ὡς δούλῳ, ψύχος, Σοὶ δ' ὡς ἀνάστη.* Here too the first clause represents something out of the control of the speaker, the second a contingency still future, which could be guarded against. See too Arist. *Eccles.* 495 and Winer § lvi. p. 633 sq.

εἰς κενὸν γένηται] The expression *εἰς κενὸν* is not unfrequent in St Paul,

occurring twice with his favourite metaphor of *τρέχειν* (Gal. ii. 2, Phil. ii. 16), and three times elsewhere (2 Cor. vi. 1 *εἰς κενὸν δέξασθαι*, Phil. ii. 16 *εἰς κενὸν ἐκοπίασα* and in the present passage). It is found in the LXX. (Is. xxix. 8, xlvi. 18, Jer. vi. 29, xviii. 15, Mic. i. 14, Hab. ii. 3), especially of fruitless labour (Job xxxix. 16, Is. lxv. 23, Jer. li. 53), and occurs in post-classical Greek, e.g. Lucian, *Epiogr.* 32 *εἰς κενὸν ἐξέχεας*, Heliodor. x. 30. For a similar weakening of *εἰς* in adverbial expressions compare *εἰς κοινόν*, *εἰς καιρόν* (Bernhardy *Synt.* v. 2, p. 221).

6. *ἄρτι δὲ Ἐλθόντος Τιμοθέου*] *Ἄρτι* denotes simultaneity and may apply either (1) to the actual moment of reference, 'at this very time,' i.e. 'just now' or 'just then' (as the case may be), e.g. Matth. ix. 18; 1 Cor. xiii. 12; or (2) to a preceding moment, 'a short time ago' or 'a short time before;' but never (3) to a future time, 'a short time hence or after.' See Lobeck *Phryn.* p. 18. This limitation pointed out by Phrynicus is strictly observed in the New Testament. Ellicott (*ad loc.*) appears to confine the first of the two meanings given above to later Greek; but the word is not unfrequently used of present time by classical writers, e.g. Pind. *Pyth.* iv. 158 *σὸν δὲ ἀνθος ἥβας ἄρτι κυμαῖνει*, Aesch. *Sept. c. Theb.* 534 *στέιχει δὲ ὕδωλος ἄρτι διὰ παρηδῶν*, Soph. *Aj.* 9, occasionally with the addition of *νῦν*, e.g. Arist. *Lys.* 1008 *ἄρτι νῦν μανθάνω*.

It is more natural here to take *ἄρτι* with *Ἐλθόντος*, which immediately follows, than with *παρεκλήθημεν*, which is far distant and has moreover an 'adjunct' (Ellicott) of its own in *διὰ τοῦτο*.

It seems to be generally assumed that *ἄρτι Ἐλθόντος Τιμοθέου* must mean 'Timotheus having arrived not long ago,' i.e. 'not long before the present time, when I am writing this letter,' thus furnishing a chronological datum. But may not it signify 'Timotheus having just arrived' (comp. *μεταξύ*, *ἅμα* etc.), i.e. 'as soon as Timotheus arrived we were comforted'; for *ἄρτι* need not be 'a short time ago' referring to the actual present, but may also be 'a short time before' in relation to some other point of time (here that of *παρεκλήθημεν*) to which everything is referred. Cf. Philo, *Vit. Moys.* i. § 9 (II. p. 88, *ed.* Mangey) *ἄρτι πρώτον ἀφίγμένος ἀν ἐσπούδασεν* (cited by Lobeck, l. c.) and see also Rost and Palm, s. v. And this seems to me the more natural interpretation, as the prominent time of reference in the passage is that of *παρεκλήθημεν*. Perhaps a feeling of this awkwardness has led to the substitution of *παρακελήμεθα* in A and one or two cursives.

εὐαγγελισαμένου] This word is not elsewhere used by St Paul in any other sense than that of preaching the Gospel; and rarely by any other New Testament writer (Luke i. 19 is an exception). Chrysostom remarks on this passage *οὐκ εἶπεν ἀπαγγείλαντος, ἀλλ' εὐαγγελισαμένου· τοσοῦτον ἀγαθὸν ἥγειτο τὴν ἐκείνων βεβαίωσιν καὶ τὴν ἀγάπην.*

τὴν πίστιν καὶ τὴν ἀγάπην] i.e. yours was not a speculative, intellectual faith only, but a working principle of love: comp. Gal. v. 6 *πίστις δὶ ἀγάπης ἐνεργουμένη*.

ἀγαθήν] 'that ye retain a kindly remembrance of us always,' for this seems to be the force of ἀγαθήν: comp. 1 Pet. ii. 18, Tit. ii. 5, and Rom. v. 7, where the point of the sentence seems to depend on this sense of ἀγαθός (see the note on this last passage).

ἐπιποθοῦντες] Stronger than ποθοῦντες: for though the preposition is not strictly intensive, but points out the direction (e.g. Ps. xlvi. 1 ἐπιποθεῖ
ἡ ἔλαφος ἐπὶ τὰς πηγὰς τῶν οὐδάτων, and see Fritzsche on Rom. i. 11), still the very expression of this direction 'yearning after' has the same effect as an intensive preposition. The simple words πόθος, ποθεῖν etc. do not occur in the New Testament, see the notes on Phil. i. 8, ii. 26.

7. διὰ τοῦτο] i.e. 'on account of this good news.'

ἀνάγκη καὶ θλίψις] The same metaphor underlies both of these words; ἀνάγκη (a word akin to ἄγχω, 'angor,' 'anxious,' 'Angst,' etc.) 'the choking, pressing care' and θλίψις 'the crushing trouble.' But ἀνάγκη is especially applied to physical privations, while θλίψις refers to persecution, and generally to positive sufferings inflicted from without. The inverted order of the words in the Textus Receptus, though insufficiently supported, is in accordance with 2 Cor. vi. 4, where see Stanley's note. On the difference between θλίψις and another kindred word στρενοχωρία, see Trench *N. T. Syn.* § lv. The two latter words are perhaps to be distinguished as the temporary and the continuous. Θλίψις, though extremely common in the LXX., occurs very rarely in classical writers even of a late date, and in these few passages has its literal meaning. The same want in the religious vocabulary, which gave currency to θλίψις, also created 'tribulatio' as its Latin equivalent. On the accent of θλίψις see Lipsius *Gramm. Unters.* p. 35.

8. νῦν [ζῶμεν] 'For now that we have received good tidings of your faith and love, we live, if only you stand firm, do not fall off from your present conversation, as thus reported to us.' Or the meaning of νῦν may be 'now, this being so'; for in a case like this it is almost impossible to distinguish the temporal sense of νῦν ('now') from the ethical ('under these circumstances'). The one meaning shades off imperceptibly into the other.

[ζῶμεν] 'we live once more' i.e. in spite of this distress and affliction. In his outward trial 'he died daily' (1 Cor. xv. 31), but the faith of his converts inspired him with new life. Compare Horace *Epist.* I. 10. 8 'vivo ac regno.'

στήκετε] 'stand fast': comp. Phil. i. 27, iv. 1, Gal. v. 1. Στήκειν, a later form derived from the perfect ἐστηκα, and not found earlier than the New Testament, is a shade stronger than ἐστάναι, involving an idea of fixity—'stehen bleiben,' not 'stehen' simply. This idea however is not always very prominent; see Mark xi. 25 ὅταν στήκετε προσευχόμενοι, the only passage out of St Paul in the New Testament where the word occurs, unless, as is probable, ἐστηκεν is to be read for ἐστηκεν in John viii. 44 ἐν τῇ ἀληθείᾳ οὐκ ἐστηκεν. The reading στήκετε (for στήκητε) is generally

regarded as a solecism, but it certainly has overwhelming manuscript authority here and in other passages (Acts viii. 31, Luke xix. 40, 1 John v. 15), and ἐώς seems certainly to be found with an indicative in later writers, and very probably the usage may have come in before this time : see Winer § xli. p. 369, and on the similar use of ὅταν with the indicative § xlii. p. 388.

St Paul speaks with some hesitation here ‘if so be ye stand fast.’ Their faith was not complete (ver. 10). There was enough in the fact that they had been so recently converted, enough in the turn which their thoughts had recently taken, absorbed so entirely in the contemplation of the future state, to make the Apostle alarmed lest their faith should prove only impulsive and transitory. Such appears to be the connexion of the thought with what follows.

9. τίνα γὰρ] ‘I call it *life*, for it is our highest blessing. There is nothing for which we have greater reason to thank God, nothing for which our gratitude must give a more inadequate return.’

ἀνταποδόνται] ‘to give back as an equivalent’—not ‘to repay’ simply (ἀποδούναι) but ‘to recompense.’ Comp. Rom. xii. 17 μηδενὶ κακὸν ἀντὶ κακοῦ ἀποδιδόντες with xii. 19 ἐμοὶ ἐκδίκησις ἔγώ ἀνταποδώσω, where the words in the E. V. would be better if interchanged. The ἀντὶ is important, for it implies the adequacy of the return. ‘What sufficient thanks can we repay?’ ἀνταπόδοσις is ‘retaliation, exact restitution, the giving back as much as you have received.’ Compare especially Arist. *Eth. Nic.* ix. 2 (IX. p. 177, ed. Bekker), where we have δοῦναι, ἀποδούναι, ἀνταποδούναι and Herod. i. 18 οὐτοὶ δὲ τὸ ὄμοιον ἀνταποδιδόντες ἐτιμάρεον. Philo marks the difference between δοῦναι and ἀποδούναι, *Vit. Moys.* iii. § 31, II. p. 172 (ed. Mangey). See also Luke xiv. 12, 14.

ἢ χαίρομεν] As χαίρειν χαρὰν (Matt. ii. 10) is a construction equally admissible with χαίρειν χαρᾶ (John iii. 29), we might take ἢ as by attraction for ἢν. But the other construction (with the dative) is perhaps better both as being simpler and more forcible, for in ἢ χαίρομεν the verb dwells anew upon the rejoicing, whereas ἢν χαίρομεν is little more expressive than ἢν ἔχομεν.

δέ ὑμᾶς] ‘for your sakes,’ expressing a less selfish interest in the object of their rejoicing than the more common phrase χαίρειν ἐπὶ τινὶ. Comp. John iii. 29 χαρᾶ χαίρει διὰ τὴν φωνὴν τοῦ νυμφίου.

ἐμπροσθεν τοῦ Θεοῦ] ‘Our rejoicing is of that pure and unselfish kind, that we dare lay it bare before the searching eye of God.’

10. ὑπερεκπειστοῦ] The expression ἐκ περισσοῦ or ἐκ περιττοῦ is classical and occurs several times in Plato, ‘abundantly, superfluously,’ e.g. *Protag.* 25 B ὁ γὰρ ὅμοιος ἡμῖν ὅμοια καὶ ποιήσει ὥστε ἐκ περιττοῦ ἡρήσεται. The compound ὑπερεκπειστοῦ occurs once in the LXX., Dan. iii. 23 (Theodot.) ἡ κάμινος ἔξεκαύθῃ ὑπερεκπειστοῦ. The fondness of St Paul for cumulative compounds in ὑπὲρ has often been noticed, and is especially remarkable in the second chronological group of his Epistles,

written in what may be regarded as the most intense period of his life. Ellicott on Eph. iii. 20 draws attention to the fact that of the twenty-eight words compounded with ὑπὲρ found in the New Testament, twenty-two occur in St Paul's Epistles, and twenty of them there alone. Instances are ὑπεραυξάνειν (2 Thess. i. 3), ὑπερλίαν (2 Cor. xi. 5), ὑπερυκάν (Rom. viii. 37), ὑπερπερισσεύειν (Rom. v. 20), ὑπερψυχοῦν (Phil. ii. 9). See further on Rom. v. 20.

δεόμενοι] is not to be attached to τίνα εὐχαριστίαν δυνάμεθα (ver. 9), but to χαίρομεν, with which it is more easily connected in the train of thought which may be supposed to have passed through the Apostle's mind. The mention of his joy in his converts reminds him of the prayerful desire he has to see them face to face and to assist them. Thus the attachment of δεόμενοι to χαίρομεν is not of an argumentative kind, but is simply due to the association of ideas.

εἰς τὸ ἔδειν] 'to the end that': comp. 2 Thess. ii. 2 εἰς τὸ μὴ ταχέως σαλευθῆναι νῦν.

καταρτίσαι] The prominent idea in this word is 'fitting together'; and its force is seen more especially in two technical uses. (1) It signifies 'to reconcile factions,' so that a political umpire who adjusts differences between contending parties is called καταρτιστήρ; e.g. Herod. v. 28 ἡ Μίλητος...νοσήσασα ἐστὶ τὰ μάλιστα στάσι μέχρι οὗ μιν Πάριοι κατήρτισαν· τούτους γάρ καταρτιστήρας ἐκ πάντων Ἑλλήνων εἴλοντο οἱ Μίλήσιοι (comp. iv. 161). (2) It is a surgical term for 'setting bones': e.g. Galen *Op.* xix. p. 461 (ed. Kühn) καταρτισμός ἐστι μεταγωγὴ ὀστοῦ ἢ ὀστῶν ἐκ τοῦ παρὰ φύσιν τόπου εἰς τὸν κατὰ φύσιν. In the New Testament it is used, (1) literally, e.g. Mark i. 19 καταρτίζοντας τὰ δίκτυα: but (2) generally metaphorically, especially by St Paul and the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews, sometimes with the meaning of 'correct, restore,' the idea of punishment being quite subordinate to that of amendment (see the note on Gal. vi. 1 καταρτίζετε τὸν τοιοῦτον ἐν πνεύματι πραῦτητος), sometimes with the sense of 'prepare, equip' (Rom. ix. 22, 1 Cor. i. 10, Heb. x. 5, xi. 3, xiii. 21), sometimes, as here, in the sense of ἀναπληροῦν, a word which either simply or compounded occurs in five other passages closely connected with ὑστέρημα (1 Cor. xvi. 17, 2 Cor. ix. 12, xi. 9, Phil. ii. 30, Col. i. 24). This sense of completion is borne out by a not uncommon application of καταρτίζειν to military and naval preparation, e.g. in Polybius, where it is used of manning a fleet (Polyb. i. 21. 4, 29. 1, iii. 95. 2), of supplying an army with provisions (i. 36. 5) etc.

τὰ ὑστερήματα] 'the short-comings,' from ὑστερεῖσθαι 'to be left behind.' These ὑστερήματα were both practical and spiritual. For the wish expressed comp. Rom. i. 11. 'Ὑστέρημα is opposed to περίστευμα, 2 Cor. viii. 14.'

v. *The Apostle's prayer for the Thessalonians* (iii. 11—13).

11—13. The first great division of the Epistle closes with a supplication suggested by the main topics which have been touched upon. The second division likewise concludes in the same way (v. 23, 24), the prayer in each instance commencing with the same words *Αὐτὸς δὲ ὁ Θεός*. In both cases there is a reference to the Lord's Advent, and a wish that the Thessalonians may appear *blameless* on that great day.

11. *αὐτὸς δὲ ὁ Θεός*] Comp. v. 23, 2 Thess. iii. 16, 2 Cor. x. 1, which passages show that in *αὐτὸς δὲ* we are not to look for a strong or direct contrast to anything in the context, as for instance to *δέομενοι*; but that it is simply an outburst of the earnest conviction which was uppermost in the Apostle's mind of the utter worthlessness of all human efforts without the divine aid. 'But after all said and done, it is for God Himself to direct our path' etc. 'Ορᾶς τὴν μανίαν τῆς ἀγάπης τὴν ἀκάθεκτον τὴν διὰ τῶν ῥημάτων δεικνύμενην; Πλεονάσαι, φησί, καὶ περισσεύσαι, ἀντὶ τοῦ αὐξῆσαι. 'Ως ἀν εἴποι τις ἐκ περιουσίας πως ἐπιθυμεῖ φιλεῖσθαι παρ' αὐτῶν is the comment of Chrysostom. In 2 Thess. ii. 16 on the other hand the context supplies a direct antithesis (if such were needed) in *ἡμῶν* (ver. 15). See the note on the passage.

πατήρ ἡμῶν] suggesting the divine attribute of mercy (see the note on i. 3).

καὶ ὁ Κύριος ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦς] It is worthy of notice that this ascription to our Lord of a divine power in ordering the doings of men occurs in the earliest of St Paul's Epistles, and indeed probably the earliest of the New Testament writings: thus showing that there was no time, however early, so far as we are aware, when He was not so regarded, and confirming the language of the Acts of the Apostles, which represents the first converts appealing to Him, as to One possessed of divine power. The passage in 2 Thess. ii. 16 of the same kind, is even more remarkable in that *ὁ Κύριος ἡμῶν* is placed before *ὁ Θεὸς καὶ πατήρ*. The employment of the singular (*κατευθύναι*) here enforces this fact in a striking way; comp. *παρακαλέσαι* 2 Thess. ii. 16, 17 and see the note on the passage.

κατευθύναι τὴν ὄδὸν ἡμῶν] 'direct our path to you, make a straight path from us to you, by the levelling or removal of those obstacles with which Satan has obstructed it.' The metaphor here is the same with that of *ἐνέκοψεν* ii. 18 (see note there).

12. *πλεονάσαι καὶ περισσεύσαι*] 'increase you and make you to abound,' where *περισσεύσαι* is stronger than *πλεονάσαι*, and the two together are equivalent to 'increase you to overflowing.' *Πλεονάζειν* has no reference to increase in outward numbers, but both it and *περισσεύειν* refer to spiritual enlargement, and *τῇ ἀγάπῃ* is attached to both.

Πλεονάσαι and *περισσεύσαι* are naturally taken as optatives, like *κατευθύναι*. In this case they are both transitives, contrary to ordinary

usage. Πλεονάσει however is so found in LXX. as e.g. Numb. xxvi. 54, Ps. xlix. 19, lxx. 21, 1 Macc. iv. 35 etc., though never in St Paul. Περισσεύει also occurs as a transitive verb in 2 Cor. ix. 8 δυνατεῖ ὁ Θεὸς πᾶσαν χάριν περισσεῦσαι, and perhaps in 2 Cor. iv. 15 τὴν εὐχαριστίαν περισσεύσῃ, but always with an accus. of the thing made to abound. Otherwise we might accentuate περισσεῦσαι, and take both words to be infinitives, understanding ὑμᾶς δὲ δώῃ πλεονάσαι καὶ περισσεῦσαι—such an ellipse being common in prayers or wishes in classical writers, see Jelf § 671 b, p. 338. But this or any similar use of the infinitive (e.g. χαίρειν and Phil. iii. 16 τῷ αὐτῷ στοιχεῖν) is too rare in the New Testament to encourage the adoption of it here. See Winer, § xlivi. p. 397.

eis ἀλλήλους καὶ eis πάντας] Had it been *eis ἀλλήλους* only, it would have been φιλαδελφία: But they were to extend their love to all, in St Peter's words (2 Pet. i. 7) to add to 'their brotherly kindness charity.' Compare the directions on φιλαδελφία given below (iv. 9).

ἡμεῖς eis ὑμᾶς] We may supply the ellipsis by some general word as διετέθημεν (Theodore); or more precisely from the context by πλεονάζομεν καὶ περισσεύομεν, for in support of the change from the transitive to the intransitive meaning in the same passage there is authority in 2 Cor. ix. 8 περισσεῦσαι χάριν followed by ἵνα περισσεύητε. But why should we attempt in such cases to discuss the exact expression to be supplied, when it is at least not improbable that the thought did not shape itself in words in the Apostle's mind?

13. *eis τὸ στηρίξαι*] 'to the end that He may establish,' i.e. ὁ Κύριος above, comp. 2 Thess. ii. 17; not 'that we may stablish.' For the addition of the words ἐμπροσθεν τοῦ Θεοῦ κ.τ.λ. need not lead us to look for a different subject to στηρίξαι in a writer like St Paul, and the whole point of the passage requires that Christ should be regarded as the sole author of the spiritual advancement of the Thessalonians.

τὰς καρδίας] 'your hearts.' Something more than an outward sanctity is required.

ἀμέμπτους κ.τ.λ.] 'so that they may be blameless in holiness in the sight of God at the coming of Christ.' For this proleptic use comp. 1 Cor. i. 8 ἀνεγκλήσουσιν, Phil. iii. 21 σύμμορφοι, and below v. 23 διοτελεῖς.

ἀγιωσύνη] The correct form, not ἀγιοσύνη. In such compounds the ο is lengthened or not, according as the preceding syllable is short or long, thus ἀσχημοσύνη, σωφροσύνη, but ἀγαθωσύνη, μεγαλωσύνη, λεφωσύνη.

'Αγιότης is the abstract quality (Hebr. xii. 10); ἀγιωσύνη the state or condition, i.e. the exemplification of ἀγιότης working; ἀγιασμὸς is the process of bringing out a state of ἀγιότης, and sometimes the result, but always with a view to a certain process having been gone through. The distinction between the three words roughly corresponds to that between 'sanctitas,' 'sanctitudo' and 'sanctificatio.' Compare the difference between ἀγαθωσύνη and ἀγαθότης. It is worth notice that in the New Testament forms in -σύνη are much more frequent than those in -ότης.

There is a reference in ἐν ἀγιωσύνῃ to πάντων τῶν ἄγίων, as if he had said, ‘in sanctity that ye may be prepared to join the assembly of the saints, who will attend the Lord at His coming.’

[ἱμπροσθεν τοῦ Θεοῦ κ.τ.λ.] to be attached to ἀμέμπτους ἐν ἀγιωσύνῃ ‘that your holiness may not only pass the scrutiny of men, but may be pronounced blameless by God, Who is all-seeing.’

πάντων τῶν ἄγίων] ‘all His saints.’ Not only the spirits of just men made perfect, but the angels of heaven also. For though the angels are never called simply *οἱ ἄγιοι* in the New Testament, yet the term is found in Ps. lxxxix. 5, Zech. xiv. 5, Dan. iv. 10 (13), and the imagery of Daniel has so strongly coloured the apocalyptic passages of the Thessalonian Epistles, that this passing use of the expression is not surprising. The presence of the angels with the returning Christ is expressly stated in several passages (Matt. xiii. 41 sq., xxv. 31, Mark viii. 38, Luke ix. 26, 2 Thess. i. 7), and in two of these (Mark 1. c., Luke 1. c.) the epithet *ἄγιοι* is applied to them in this connexion.

αὐτοῦ] i.e. τοῦ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ, as the close proximity of the word demands. Compare 2 Thess. i. 7 μετ’ ἀγγέλων δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ.

CHAPTER IV.

3. HORTATORY PORTION, iv. 1—v. 24

i. *Warning against impurity* (iv. 1—8).

I. *Δοιπὸν οὖν κ.τ.λ.*] ‘Now then that I have finished speaking of our mutual relations, it remains for me to urge upon you some precepts.’ *Δοιπὸν* ‘for the rest’ here marks the transition from the first or narrative portion of the Epistle to the second and concluding part, which is occupied with exhortations. On this peculiar province of *λοιπὸν* and *τὸ λοιπὸν* thus to usher in the conclusion see the note on Phil. iii. 1. In the passage before us this conclusion is extended over two chapters; in the Philippians Epistle the Apostle is led on by his affectionate earnestness so far that he has, so to speak, to commence his conclusion afresh (Phil. iii. 1 compared with Phil. iv. 8). It is strange that the Greek commentators here give a temporal sense to *λοιπὸν* ‘continually,’ ‘from this time forward.’ The E. V., which elsewhere rightly renders the word ‘finally,’ translates it here ‘furthermore,’ which is misleading. *Tὸ λοιπὸν* is slightly stronger than *λοιπόν*, as will be seen by a comparison of such passages as 2 Thess. iii. 1 and Phil. ii. cc. with 1 Cor. i. 16, 2 Cor. xiii. 11, 2 Tim. iv. 8. On the difference between *τὸ λοιπὸν* and *τοῦ λοιποῦ* see the note on the latter word on Gal. vi. 17.

οὖν] if indeed the word is not to be omitted with B and some early versions, may perhaps be explained by what immediately precedes, ‘seeing that we shall have to face the scrutiny of an all-seeing God, I entreat you etc.’ But inasmuch as the change of subject is very complete here, it is better not to attach *οὖν* to any single clause or sentence, but to the main subject of the preceding portion of the Epistle: ‘seeing that such has been our mutual intercourse, that we have toiled so much, and ye have suffered for the Gospel’s sake, that God has done so much for you.’

ἐρωτῶμεν] ‘we ask, request you,’ a signification which *ἐρωτᾶν* never bears in classical Greek, being always used of asking a question, ‘interrogare’ not ‘rogare.’ *Ἐρωτᾶν* however in the New Testament is not exactly

equivalent to *aἰτεῖν*, but denotes greater equality, more familiarity, differing from *aἰτεῖν* as ‘rogare’ from ‘petere.’ See Trench *N. T. Syn.* § xl. p. 143.

[*ἐρωτῶμεν καὶ παρακαλοῦμεν*] ‘We entreat you as friends, nay, we exhort you with authority in the Lord;’ ἐν Κυρίῳ Ἰησοῦ perhaps belonging only to *παρακαλοῦμεν*, as Lünemann suggests.

[*παρελάβετε*] The word is used here of practical precepts, not of doctrinal tenets. See the note on 2 Thess. ii. 15 *παράδοσις*.

[*τὸ πῶς*] ‘the lesson how.’ The article *τὸ* gives precision and unity to the words which it introduces. Compare Acts iv. 21 μηδὲν εὐρίσκοτες τὸ πῶς κολάσωται αὐτούς, Mark ix. 23 εἶπεν αὐτῷ τό εἰ δύνῃ, and Winer § xviii. p. 135.

[*περιπατεῖν καὶ ἀρέσκειν Θεῷ*] equivalent to *περιπατοῦντας ἀρέσκειν Θεῷ*, ‘how ye ought to walk so as to please God.’

[*καθὼς καὶ περιπατεῖτε*] The continuity of the sentence is broken after *ἀρέσκειν Θεῷ*, and the apodosis is confused. The irregularity is twofold. (1) Feeling that the bare command might seem to imply a condemnation of the present conduct of the Thessalonians, he alters the sentence from οὗτος καὶ περιπατήτε into *καθὼς καὶ περιπατεῖτε* with his usual eagerness to praise and encourage where praise and encouragement are due. (2) This change of form involves the substitution of *περιστεύητε* for *περιπατήτε* in the apodosis, and the repetition of *ἴα* in order to resume the main thread of the sentence, which has been suspended by the lengthening out of the parenthesis. For the repetition of *ἴα* compare the repetition of *ὅτι*, 1 John iii. 20 ἐν τούτῳ...πείσομεν τὴν καρδίαν ἡμῶν ὅτι ἔαν καταγινώσκῃ ἡμῶν ἡ καρδία ὅτι μείζων ἐστὶν ὁ Θεὸς τῆς καρδίας ἡμῶν, Eph. ii. 11 μνημονεύετε ὅτι ποτὲ ὑμεῖς...ὅτι ἡτε τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ χωρὶς Χριστοῦ. The transcribers, not appreciating the spirit of the passage, have altered the text in various ways to reduce it to grammatical correctness; thus the Textus Receptus strikes out the first *ἴα* and the sentence *καθὼς καὶ περιπατεῖτε*. For a similar irregularity see Col. i. 6 with the notes.

[*περιστεύητε μᾶλλον*] sc. ἐν τῷ οὗτῳ περιπατεῖν—‘advance more and more in this path of godliness in which you are walking.’

2. *οἴδατε γάρ*] ‘The lesson which ye received of us, I say, for ye know what precepts we gave you: commands not of our own devising, but prompted by the Lord Jesus Himself (διὰ τοῦ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ).’

3. *τοῦτο γάρ*] ‘For this—this precept which I am going to mention.’ *Τοῦτο* is the subject and *θέλημα τοῦ Θεοῦ* the predicate, ὁ ἀγιασμὸς ὑμῶν being in apposition with *τοῦτο*. The following words, *ἀπέχεσθαι κ.τ.λ.*, are added in explanation of ὁ ἀγιασμὸς ὑμῶν.

[*θέλημα τοῦ Θεοῦ*] ‘a thing willed of God’: comp. Col. iv. 12 ἐν παντὶ θελήματι τοῦ Θεοῦ (with the note). ‘Non subjective facultatem aut actionem, qua deus vult [θέλησις], sed objective id quod deus vult, designat,’ Fritzsche on Rom. ii. 18, xii. 2. Both *θέλησις* and *θέλημα* are words of the Alexandrian period, and are not found in classical authors.

They are related to each other as the action to the result, and are always used in the New Testament with proper regard to their terminations. See Lobeck *Phryn.* pp. 7, 353; Pollux 5. 165.

The omission of the article before *θέλημα* is to be explained on the ground that the sanctification of the Thessalonians is not coextensive with the whole will of God; compare Bengel, ‘multae sunt voluntates.’ The grammarians (see Ellicott *ad loc.*) notice the fact that the article is omitted frequently ‘after verbs substantive or nuncupative,’ but do not offer any explanation of this. On the difference between *θέλειν* and *βούλεσθαι* see the note on Philem. 13.

ἀγιασμὸς] is used almost as the direct opposite to *ἀκαθαρσία* (see ver. 7), inasmuch as ‘purity’ is so large an ingredient in holiness of character.

ἀπέχεσθαι κ.τ.λ.] This *ἀγιασμὸς* is explained negatively in the clause *ἀπέχεσθαι κ.τ.λ.*, and positively in the phrase *εἰδέναι ἔκαστον κ.τ.λ.*

πορνεῖας] Compare the language of the Apostolic ordinance Acts xv. 20 τοῦ ἀπέχεσθαι τῶν ἀλισγημάτων τῶν εἰδώλων καὶ τῆς πορνείας κ.τ.λ. The Apostolic decree was only issued a year or two before the present Epistle was written, and St Paul had subsequently been distributing copies of it among the Churches of Asia Minor (Acts xvi. 4). To this fact may perhaps be referred the similarity of expression here; it is sufficiently natural though to have occurred accidentally.

In both passages the sin is somewhat unexpected. It is clear that those addressed were only too ready to overlook its heinousness. If in the Acts we are startled to find it prohibited among things indifferent in themselves and forbidden only because the indulgence in them would breed dissension, it is scarcely less surprising here to find that the Apostle needed to warn his recent converts, whose very adhesion to the Gospel involved a greater amount of self-denial than we can well realize, against a sin, which the common voice of society among ourselves strongly reprobates.

The contrast to the Christian idea presented by the Roman Empire at the time when St Paul wrote can be seen from the passages from classical writers quoted by Wordsworth *ad loc.*, and by Jowett’s Essay ‘On the State of the Heathen World,’ *St Paul’s Epistles*, II. p. 74 sq. On the consecration of this particular sin in religious worship something has been said already in the note to ii. 3.

See too Seneca *de Ira* ii. 8, a passage cited by Koch (p. 306) below on ver. 5.

4. **εἰδέναι**] ‘to know,’ i.e. to learn to know; for purity is not a momentary impulse, but a lesson, a habit (*μαθήσεως πρᾶγμα*, see Chrysostom). Σημείωσαι καὶ τὸ εἰδέναι: δείκνυσι γὰρ ὅτι ἀσκήσεως καὶ μαθήσεώς ἐστι τὸ σωφρονέin, Theophylact.

For this sense of *εἰδέναι* comp. Soph. *Ajax* 666 (quoted by Koch) τοιγὰρ τὸ λοιπὸν εἰσόμεσθα μὲν θεοῖς Εἴκειν.

τὸ ξαντοῦ σκεῦος κτᾶσθαι] Two interpretations are given of *σκεῦος*

κράσθαι, between which it is difficult to make a choice, not because both are equally appropriate, but because neither is free from serious objections.

(1) Σκένος means 'the body.' This interpretation is as early as Tertullian (*de Resurr. Carnis* 16 'Caro...vas vocatur apud Apostolum, quam jubet in honore tractari'; comp. *adv. Marc.* v. 15), and is adopted by Chrysostom, Theodoret, John Damascene, Eusebius, Ambrosiaster, Pelagius, Rabanus Maurus, Primasius and others. This sense of σκένος is unobjectionable; for though there is no exact parallel to it in the New Testament, the expression in 2 Cor. iv. 7 ἔχομεν τὸν θησαυρὸν τοῦτον ἐν ὀστρακίνοις σκεύεσιν (comp. 1 Cor. vi. 18) is sufficiently near, and the term 'vessel of the soul, vessel of the spirit,' which is commonly applied to the body by moralists (e.g. Lucret. iii. 441 'corpus quod vas quasi constitutus ejus' sc. animae, Philo *quod det. pot. ins.* § 46 i. p. 223 τὸ τῆς ψυχῆς ἀγγεῖον τὸ σῶμα, *de Migrat. Abrah.* § 36 i. p. 467, who interprets τοῖς σκεύεσι of 1 Sam. xxi. 5 as bodies, τοῖς ἀγγείοις τῆς ψυχῆς, Hermas *M.* v. 1, Barnabas *Eph.* §§ 7, 11 τὸ σκένος τοῦ πνεύματος, § 21 ἕως ἔτι τὸ καλὸν σκένος ἔστι μεθ' ὑμῶν), is a fair illustration; nor is a qualifying adjective or genitive needed, as the sense suggests itself at once. But the real difficulty lies in κτᾶσθαι, which cannot possibly have the meaning 'to possess or keep' (κέκτησθαι) as the sense would require, if σκένος were so interpreted. Seeing this difficulty, Chrysostom and others have explained κτᾶσθαι as equivalent to 'gain the mastery over,' 'to make it our slave.' 'Ημεῖς αὐτὸν κτώμεθα, ὅταν μένη καθαρὸν καὶ ἔστιν ἐν ἀγιασμῷ, ὅταν δὲ ἀκάθαρτον, ἀμαρτίᾳ· εἰκότως, οὐ γὰρ ἡ βουλόμεθα πράττει λοιπὸν ἀλλ᾽ ἡ ἔκεινή ἐπιτάττει. Comp. Luke xxi. 19 ἐν τῇ ὑπομονῇ ὑμῶν κτήσεσθε ('ye shall win') τὰς ψυχὰς ὑμῶν. This interpretation introduces a new difficulty, as ἐν ἀγιασμῷ κ.τ.λ. is not adapted to such a meaning of κτᾶσθαι.

(2) Σκεῦος means 'wife.' This is the interpretation of Theodore of Mopsuestia, and of Augustine (*contra Julian.* iv. 56 and other references given by Wordsworth), and is mentioned by Theodoret as held by some. In favour of this interpretation it is urged (1) that κτᾶσθαι is used of marrying a wife; e.g. in the LXX. Ruth iv. 10, Eccl. xxxvi. 24 ὁ κτώμενος γυναῖκα ἐνάρχεται κτήσεως (see Steph. *Thes.* s. v. κτᾶσθαι), and (2) that σκεῦος is found in this sense in Rabbinical writers—as *Megilla Esther* fol. 12 (II. p. 827 ed. Schöttgen) 'vas meum quo ego utor, neque Medicum, neque Persicum est, sed Chaldaicum,' and *Sohar Levit.* fol. 38, col. 152. See *Clem. Recogn.* p. 39, l. 14 (Syr.) **ئەنەنە؟ بىلەك**, and Shakespeare *Othello* iv. Sc. 2, l. 83 'If to preserve this vessel for my lord' etc. The passage in 1 Pet. iii. 7 ὡς ἀσθενεστέρῳ σκεύει τῷ γυναικείῳ ἀπονέμοντες τιμὴn ought not to be adduced in favour of this interpretation, for the woman is there called σκεῦος not in reference to her husband, but to the Holy Spirit whose instrument she is. This interpretation certainly clears the general sense of the passage, which will then be 'that ye abstain from illicit

passions, and that each man among you (who cannot contain) marry a wife of his own.' Compare esp. 1 Cor. vii. 2 δὰ δὲ τὰς πονεῖας ἔκαστος τὴν ἀντροῦ γυναικά ἔχέτω, where marriage is set forth as the appointed remedy for incontinence in language closely resembling this. Nor is it any valid argument against this interpretation that the Apostle's precept would thus apply to men only: for the corresponding obligation on the part of the woman is inferentially implied in it.

The real objection to this view of the passage is that by using such an expression as *σκεῦος κτᾶσθαι* in this sense the Apostle would seem to be lowering himself to the low sensual view of the marriage relation, and adopting the depreciatory estimate of the woman's position which prevailed among both Jews and heathen at the time, whereas it is his constant effort to exalt both the one and the other.

Possibly however the term *σκεῦος* did not suggest any idea of depreciation or contempt as used in later writers; and at least any impression of the kind that might be conveyed by it is corrected by the following words, ἐν ἀγασμῷ καὶ τιμῇ κ.τ.λ.

De Wette does not overcome the difficulty, when he says that the wife is called *τὸ σκεῦος* not as a wife absolutely, 'sondern vom Werkzeuge zur Befriedigung des Geschlechtstriebes.' For the question then arises, why present her in this depreciatory light?

τιμῇ] On the other hand *ἀτιμάζεσθαι* is used of unbridled desire; Rom. i. 24 τοῦ ἀτιμάζεσθαι τὰ σώματα αὐτῶν ἐν αὐτοῖς. The honour due to the body as such is one of the great contrasts which Christianity offers to the loftiest systems of heathen philosophy (e.g. Platonism and Stoicism) and is not unconnected with the doctrine of the resurrection of the body.

5. **ἐν πάθει ἐπιθυμίας]** Lust has at first the guise of a temptation from without, but at length the indulgence of it assumes the character of an inward habit, 'a passion,' or affection of the man's nature. In this case it is *πάθος ἐπιθυμίας*. Then sin is said 'to reign in our bodies that we obey its lusts' (Rom. vi. 12). Thus though *πάθος* and *πάθημα* are generally distinguished from *ἐπιθυμία*, as the passive from the active principle (e.g. Gal. v. 24, Col. iii. 5, where see the notes), here the two are combined as is the case frequently, e.g. Athenagoras *Legat.* 21 πάθη ὄργῆς καὶ ἐπιθυμίας of the passions of the heathen gods.

καὶ τὰ θνητά] The appearance of *καὶ* is very frequent after comparative clauses where a comparison is affirmed or commanded: e.g. Eph. v. 23 ὅτι ἀνήρ ἔστιν κεφαλὴ τῆς γυναικὸς ὡς καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς κεφαλὴ τῆς ἔκκλησίας, where Ellicott rightly remarks that the fact of being head is common to both ἀνήρ and Χριστός, though the bodies to which they are so are different. The insertion however is much more rare where, as here, a comparison is prohibited or denied. Compare however iv. 13 ἵνα μὴ λυπήσθε καθὼς καὶ οἱ λοιποὶ οἱ μὴ ἔχοντες ἐλπίδα.

τὰ μὴ εἰδότα τὸν Θεόν] 'that know not God.' For the expression *εἰδέναι Θεὸν* see 2 Thess. i. 8, Gal. iv. 8. In what qualified sense the

heathen are said here to know not God appears from Rom. i. 19, 28. He was present to them in the works of His creation : and they could not but recognize Him there ; yet they did not glorify Him as such, they turned to idols, did not retain Him in knowledge, and so He gave them over to lust and dishonour. The same idea, which is there developed at length, is briefly hinted at here : viz. that the profligacy of the heathen world was due to their ignorance of the true God, and to their idolatrous and false worship. St Paul knows nothing of the common (but shallow) distinction of religion and morality. He regards the two as inseparable. See Jowett's Essay 'On the Connexion of Immorality and Idolatry,' in *St Paul's Epistles*, II. p. 70 sq. 'Ignorantia impudicitiae origo,' says Bengel.

6. τὸ μὴ ὑπερβαίνειν κ.τ.λ.] 'so as not to go beyond etc.' For this use of τὸ in the sense of ὥστε see the note on iii. 3 above, and comp. Phil. iv. 10 and Winer § xliv. p. 406. This is better than taking τὸ μὴ ὑπερβαίνειν κ.τ.λ. in apposition with ὁ ἀγαστὸς ὑμῶν ; for (1) the insertion of the article before ὑπερβαίνειν when it is omitted before ἀπέχεσθαι and εἰδέναι is not easily explicable, if the clauses are parallel ; and (2) the special aspect of the sin presented in τὸ μὴ ὑπερβαίνειν as an act of fraud is much more appropriate as an appendage to τὸ ἔαυτοῦ σκένος κτᾶσθαι, than as an independent clause brought prominently forward and emphasized by the unexpected insertion of the article.

ὑπερβαίνειν] The subject of ὑπερβαίνειν is ἔκαστον ὑμῶν, or rather perhaps a subject understood from ἔκαστον ὑμῶν such as τινα. 'Υπερβαίνειν may either be taken (1) absolutely, in the sense, 'exceeds the proper limit' or 'to transgress' ; compare e.g. Hom. Il. ix. 501 ὅτε κέν τις ὑπερβήῃ καὶ ἀμάρτῃ, Soph. Antig. 663 ὅστις δὲ ὑπερβὰς ἡ νόμους βιάζεται, or (2) it may possibly govern τὸν ἀδελφόν. But ὑπερβαίνειν with an accusative of a person has the sense rather of 'to get the better of, to override.' Compare Demosth. *adv. Aristocr.* p. 439 ἔτι τοίνυν πεμπτὸν δικαστήριον ἄλλο θεάσασθε οἷον ὑπερβέβηκε, Plutarch *de Amore*, Prol. p. 439. Thus the sense of the passage is in favour of the absolute use, though our first impulse is to consult the continuity of the sentence and adopt the second alternative. The paraphrase of Jerome well gives the meaning of ὑπερβαίνειν (on Ephes. v. 3) 'transgredi [?] concessos fines nuptiarum.'

πλεονεκτεῖν] 'to overreach,' 'defraud.' He who is guilty of fornication sins only against the law of purity : but the adulterer in addition to this is guilty of a breach of the law of honesty also, for he defrauds his neighbour of that which is rightfully his. This connexion between πλεονεξία and ἀκαθαρτία is an accidental one arising from the context, and there is no ground for the assertion that πλεονεξία is used in the sense of impurity. The case is the same in Ephes. iv. 19 ἔαυτοὺς παρέδωκαν εἰς ἐργασίαν ἀκαθαρτίας πάσης ἐν πλεονεξίᾳ. On this whole question see the note on Col. iii. 5 τὴν πλεονεξίαν ἦτις ἔστιν εἰδωλολατρεία, and the *Journal of Classical and Sacred Philology*, III. 97. On connexions of πλεονεξία illustrating the passages in the New Testament see

Theoph. *ad Autol.* i. 14, where it is named between sins of impurity and idolatry, *μοιχείας καὶ πορνείας καὶ ἀρσενοκοτίας καὶ πλεονεξίας καὶ ταῖς ἀθεμίτοις εἰδωλολατρείαις*, and *Test. xii. Patr. Nept.* 3 μὴ σπουδάζετε ἐν πλεονεξίᾳ διαφθέραι τὰς πράξεις ὑμῶν. The position of *πλεονεξία* in its ordinary sense in the catalogue of sins, Eph. v. 3—5, Col. iii. 5, is as natural as in other instances (e.g. 1 Cor. v. 10, II. vi. 10). In Eph. iv. 19 *εἰς ἔργασίαν ἀκαθαρσίας πάσης ἐν πλεονεξίᾳ* and in the passage before us the notion of sensuality is, as I have said, contained in the context, not in the word itself. Thus it is surely arbitrary to assign here this special sense to *πλεονεκτεῖν* and not to *ὑπερβαίνειν*. On the assumption that conversely *ἀκαθαρσία* is used for *πλεονεξία* see the notes above on ii. 3, 5. It is strange that several able commentators have supposed that the sin of ‘avarice’ is here reprobated.

ἐν τῷ πράγματι] ‘in the matter,’ the meaning of which is sufficiently defined by the context. This expression is suggested by a delicacy of feeling leading to the suppression of a plainer term: see 2 Cor. vii. 11 *ἐν τῷ πράγματι*. A somewhat similar use is cited from Isaeus *de Ciron. hered.* § 44 (p. 116 ed. Schömann) ὃς μοιχὸς ληφθεὶς...οὐδὲ ὡς ἀπαλλάσσεται τοῦ πράγματος.

The translators of the E. V. at first sight seem to have read *τῷ* (= *τινὶ*) for *τῷ*, but there appears to be no support for this except perhaps the Armenian version; and it is perhaps better to suppose that both here and in 1 Cor. xv. 8 *ώσπερεὶ τῷ* (others *ώσπερεὶ τῷ*) *ἐκτρώματι* the rendering arises from an imperfect acquaintance with the Greek article (see *On a Fresh Revision of the English New Testament*, p. 107 sq.). There seems to be no instance of *τοῦ*, *τῷ* for *τινος*, *τινὶ* in the New Testament. See Winer, § vi. p. 60 sq.

τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ] Not ‘his Christian brother,’ but ‘his neighbour.’ For the brotherhood intended must be defined by the context, and this is a duty which extends to the universal brotherhood of mankind, and has no reference to the special privileges of the close brotherhood of the Gospel.

ἔκδικος] Compare Rom. xiii. 4 *ἔκδικος εἰς ὄργην τῷ τὸ κακὸν πράσσοντι*. In the older Greek writers *ἔκδικος* is used in the sense of ‘unjust,’ e.g. Soph. *Œd. Col.* 917 οὐ γὰρ φιλοῦσι ἄνδρας ἔκδικους τρέφειν. The meaning ‘an avenger’ occurs first in Diocles *epigr.* i. 3 ἥξει τις τούτου χρόνος *ἔκδικος* (*Antholog.* II. p. 167 ed. Jacobs), followed by Herodian, vii. 4 εἴ τινες ἡ στρατιωτῶν ἡ δημοτῶν αὐτοῖς ἐπίοιεν ἔκδικοι τοῦ γενησομένου ἔργου, *Aristænet.* i. 27 etc. In this sense it is found as a Latin word, e.g. Pliny, *Ep. x. 111* ‘Ecdicus Amisenorum civitatis.’ It is found instead of the more usual *ἔκδικητής* in the Apocryphal books of the Old Testament, Wisd. xii. 12 and Eccl. xxx. 6. It seems to mean ‘one who elicits justice or satisfaction,’ and is appropriate here in connexion with the words *ὑπερβαίνειν καὶ πλεονεκτεῖν*.

περὶ πάντων τούτων] i.e. all these sins, which fall under the general head of ἀκαθαρσία.

For the construction ἔκδικος περὶ compare 1 Macc. xiii. 6 ἔκδικήσω περὶ τοῦ ἔθνους μου.

διεμαρτυράμεθα] ‘earnestly protested?’ On the meaning of *μαρτύρεσθαι* and its distinction from *μαρτυρέν* see above ii. 12 and the note on Gal. v. 3.

7. οὐ γὰρ ἔκάλεσεν] ‘Impurity is disobedience to God’s commands: for He called us etc., and therefore it will bring down His vengeance.’ It is better perhaps thus to connect this verse with what immediately precedes (*ἔκδικος περὶ πάντων τούτων*) than with *θέλημα τοῦ Θεοῦ*, ver. 3.

ἐπὶ ἀκαθαρσίᾳ, ἀλλὰ ἐν ἀγιασμῷ] The change of the preposition is significant: ‘not for uncleanness, but in sanctification.’ Holiness is to be the pervading element in which the Christian is to move. ‘Ἐν ἀγιασμῷ after ἔκάλεσεν is a natural abbreviation for ὅστε εἶναι ἡμᾶς ἐν ἀγιασμῷ, as the sense requires. Compare 1 Cor. vii. 15 ἐν δὲ εἰρήνῃ κέκληκεν ὑμᾶς ὁ Θεός, Eph. iv. 4, and see Winer, § 1. p. 518 sq. Possibly ἐν ἀγιασμῷ καὶ τιμῇ ver. 4 may be so taken, but see the note there.

8. οὐκ ἄνθρωπον ἀθετεῖ, ἀλλὰ τὸν Θεὸν] ‘rejecteth not any individual man, but the one God.’ On the article comp. Gal. i. 10 ἀρτὶ γὰρ ἀνθρώπους πείθω ἡ τὸν Θεόν; where Bengel pointedly remarks: ‘ἀνθρώπους, homines; hoc sine articulo: at mox τὸν Θεόν, *Deum*, cum articulo. Dei solius habenda est ratio.’ Compare also Gal. iv. 31 οὐκ ἐσμὲν παιδίσκης τέκνα, ἀλλὰ τῆς ἐλευθέρας with the note.

τὸν διδόντα τὸ πνεῦμα κ.τ.λ.] ‘This gift of the Spirit leaves you in a different position with regard to God from that which you held before. It is a witness in your souls against impurity. It is a token that He has consecrated you to Himself. It is an earnest of vengeance, if you defile what is no longer your own.’ The appeal is the same in effect here as in 1 Cor. iii. 16 ‘Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.’ Compare also 1 Cor. vi. 19.

τὸν διδόντα] i.e. who is ever renewing this witness against uncleanness in fresh accessions of the Holy Spirit.

If τὸν καὶ δόντα be retained, καὶ will refer to ἔκάλεσεν, ‘who not only called you to be sanctified, but also gave you His Spirit.’ But the manuscript evidence alike and the context are against the reading of the Textus Receptus. The gift of the Spirit by one decisive act (δόντα) does not suit the argument.

τὸ πνεῦμα αὐτοῦ τὸ ἄγιον] St Paul uses this stronger form in preference to the more usual *πνεῦμα ἄγιον* or τὸ ἄγιον *πνεῦμα*, as being more emphatic, and especially as laying stress on τὸ ἄγιον in connexion with

the ἀγασμὸς which is the leading idea of the passage. Compare Clem. Rom. 30 Ἀγίου οὐν μερὶς ὑπάρχοντες ποιήσωμεν τὰ τοῦ ἀγασμοῦ πάντα.

eis ἡμᾶς] is better than *eis ἡμᾶς*, for it brings the general statement (ὅ ἀθετῶν κ.τ.λ.) more directly home to the Thessalonians themselves.

ii. *Exhortation to brotherly love and sobriety of conduct* (iv. 9—12).

9. **φιλαδελφίας**] Not ‘brotherly love,’ as E. V., but ‘*love of the brethren*,’ i.e. the Christian brotherhood, and thus narrower than ἀγάπη which extends to all mankind. See 2 Pet. i. 7; and comp. Rom. xii. 9, 10 and the note on 1 Thess. iii. 12.

οὐ χρεῖαν ἔχετε] is, probably the right reading as being the best supported, though it may have arisen from v. 1. The very fact that ἔχετε introduces a grammatical irregularity is in its favour, for it was less likely to be substituted for ἔχομεν than conversely. Comp. Heb. v. 12 πάλιν χρείαν ἔχετε τοῦ διδάσκειν ὑμᾶς for a somewhat analogous instance; but there the construction of διδάσκειν requires a different subject to be understood from that of ἔχετε. In the passage before us, the construction with *tina* supplied before γράφειν, though irregular, is quite tenable, and in a writer like St Paul ought to create no difficulty. The more natural usage occurs a few verses lower down, v. 1 οὐ χρείαν ἔχετε ἡμῖν γράφεσθαι.

ἀντὸν γάρ] ‘for of yourselves, without our intervention.’

θεοδίδακτοι] ‘taught of God.’ The word occurs Barnab. *Eph.* § 21, Athenag. *Leg.* § 11, Theoph. *ad Autol.* ii. 9. Compare also the expression διδακτοὶ [τοῦ] Θεοῦ in John vi. 45, and 1 Cor. ii. 13 ἐν διδακτοῖς πνεύματος.

This word θεοδίδακτοι has no reference to any actual saying of our Lord, such for instance as that recorded in John xiii. 34, or to any external instruction: but it signifies the spiritual teaching of the heart, which supersedes all external precepts, though in the first instance it may have been conveyed by the medium of such. Both elements of the compound are emphatic: (1) the θεο- is brought out by what precedes, in contrast to ἡμᾶς understood, (2) the -δίδακτοι by what follows in the ποιεῖτε. The prophecy of Isaiah liv. 13 here receives its fulfilment, καὶ πάντας τοὺς νιούς σου διδακτοὺς Θεοῦ: comp. Jer. xxxi. 34.

eis τὸ ἀγαπᾶν ἀλλήλους] i.e. to cultivate this φιλαδελφία, for ἀλλήλους is applied to the Christian brotherhood. See iii. 12 τῇ ἀγάπῃ *eis* ἀλλήλους καὶ *eis* πάντας, v. 15 and Rom. xii. 10 τῇ φιλαδελφίᾳ *eis* ἀλλήλους φιλό-στοργοι.

10. καὶ γάρ] ‘for also, for indeed.’ The καὶ marks this statement as an advance upon the preceding one. ‘You are not only taught the lesson, but you also practise it, and that, to every one of the brethren throughout Macedonia, i.e. all the brethren with whom you can possibly come in contact.’

αὐτὸ] i.e. τὸ ἀγαπᾶν ἀλλῆλους.

ὅλη τῷ Μακεδονίᾳ] The history of the Acts only records the foundation of three Churches in Macedonia previously to this time, viz. those of Philippi, Thessalonica and Berea. It is probable, however, that in the interval between St Paul's departure from Macedonia and the writing of this letter other Christian communities were established, at least in the larger towns, such as Amphipolis, Pella, etc., either by the instrumentality of the more active of his recent Macedonian converts, such perhaps as Aristarchus (Acts xix. 29, xx. 4), or by missionaries of his own sending, such as Luke, Silvanus, and Timotheus, all of whom seem to have been actively engaged in Macedonia during this interval. See the essay on the Churches of Macedonia in *Biblical Essays*, p. 237 sq.

περισσεύειν μᾶλλον] See above on ver. 1.

II. καὶ φιλοτιμεῖσθαι] It is clear from the form of the sentence (contrast the καὶ here with δὲ ver. 9) that this injunction had some close connexion in the Apostle's mind with that which goes before. What this connexion was it is impossible to say. A thorough knowledge of the condition of the early Thessalonian Church would alone enable us to supply the missing links in the chain of thought with any degree of confidence. We may however conjecture that the large and ready charities of the richer brethren had caused some irregularities : that there were those who availed themselves of these means of support to the neglect of their lawful occupations ; and that thus relieved from the necessity of working, they went about preaching fantastic doctrines and exciting feverish anxieties and thus disturbing the simpler and purer faith of others. It is probable that they asserted the immediate coming of Christ (see the notes on ver. 13 and 2 Thess. ii. 2). That there were such idlers in the Thessalonian Church appears from the Second Epistle, where St Paul condemns in plain terms those 'which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies' (2 Thess. iii. 11 μηδὲν ἐργάζομένους, ἀλλὰ περιεργάζομένους), language which seems to imply that the evil had gained ground in the interval. And the assumption made above in accordance with the requirements of the context that these were *spiritual* busybodies is very natural in itself, and is further borne out by Tit. i. 10, 11 (though the form which the evil assumes there is grosser).

What evils the extensive charity of the early Christians might, and probably did, to some extent, give rise to, may be seen from Lucian's satire of Peregrinus, see especially §§ 12, 13 ἡ γε ἀλλη θεραπεία πάσα οὐ παρέργως ἀλλὰ σὺν σπουδῇ ἐγίγνετο...εἴτα δεῖπνα ποικίλα εἰσεκομίζετο....Καὶ δὴ καὶ τῷ Περεγρίνῳ πολλὰ τότε ἦκε χρήματα παρ' αὐτῶν ἐπὶ προφάσει τῶν δεσμῶν καὶ πρόσοδον οὐ μικρὰν ταύτην ἐποιήσατο κ.τ.λ.

φιλοτιμεῖσθαι] The original idea of φιλοτιμία 'the pursuit of honour, the love of distinction' (typical of Athens, see Pericles' speech in Thuc. ii. 44 τὸ φιλότιμον ἀγῆρων μόνον) is more or less obscured in its later

usages (e.g. Rom. xv. 20, 2 Cor. v. 9) and the verb comes to signify ‘to make the pursuit of a thing one’s earnest endeavour,’ ‘to strive restlessly after’ a thing, and the substantive ‘restless energy’ (see e.g. Athenag. *de resurr.* § 18 οὐ γὰρ φιλοτιμίας τὸ κατάγειν ἡ διαιρεῖν νῦν). Thus though the meaning ‘ambition’ would well suit the context here, it is unsafe to press it.

The oxymoron however of *φιλοτιμεῖσθαι ἡσυχάζειν* is equally strong whichever meaning we attach to *φιλοτιμεῖσθαι*, and the verbal paradox reminds us forcibly of the Horatian ‘strenua inertia,’ of Grotius’ complaint that he had spent his life ‘operose nihil agendo,’ and of Pericles’ estimate of woman’s true ambition (Thuc. ii. 45) μεγάλη ἡ δόξα ἡσ ἀν ἐπ’ ἐλάχιστον ἀρετῆς πέρι ἡ ψύχον ἐν τοῖς ἄρσεσι κλέος η. For other examples of *παραπροσθοκίαν* in St Paul compare Rom. xiii. 8 μηδὲν μηδὲν ὀφείλετε, εἰ μὴ τὸ ἀλλήλους ἀγαπᾶν, and see the note on Phil. iv. 7 ἡ εἰρήνη τοῦ Θεοῦ φρουρήσει τὰς καρδίας ὑμῶν.

πράσσειν τὰ ἴδια] For the juxtaposition compare Plato *Rep.* 496 D ἡσυχίαν ἔχων καὶ τὰ αὐτοῦ πράττων, Dion Cassius ix. 27 τὴν ἡσυχίαν ἔγων καὶ τὰ ἑαυτοῦ πράττων.

ταῖς χερσὶν] The word *ἴδιας* has been wrongly inserted by some authorities both here and in the parallel passage Eph. iv. 28 ἐργαζόμενος *ταῖς* [ἴδιαις] *χερσὶν τὸ ἀγαθόν*, where however the authority for its retention is somewhat stronger. On this characteristic interpolation see the note on ii. 15 καὶ τοὺς προφήτας.

12. *Ὕντα περιπατήτε κ.τ.λ.]* This is a precept dictated by prudence, and does not fall under the head of *φιλαδελφία* or *ἀγάπη*: but it was doubtless suggested by this topic, for St Paul was led from it to speak of the one flaw which disfigured their ‘love of the brotherhood,’ and hence to consider how it would affect their dealings with the heathen. They were not to appear as worthless vagabonds and beggars. The precept has nothing to do with their conduct towards heathen magistrates, as Wordsworth imagines. Luther’s comment, quoted by Koch, is very characteristic, ‘Nähret euch selber und lieget nicht den Leuten auf dem Halse, wie die faulen Bettelmönche, Wiedertäuber, Landläufer, denn solche sind unnütze Leute und ärgern die Ungläubigen.’

ἐνσχημόνως] ‘decorously’; vulg. ‘honeste.’ The E.V. has ‘honestly,’ which is rather an archaism than a mistranslation: comp. Rom. xiii. 13, where *ἐνσχημόνως* is similarly rendered.

τοὺς ἔξω] ‘the unbelievers,’ opposed to *οἱ ἔσω*, ‘the Christian brethren.’ See the note on Col. iv. 5.

μηδενὸς χρέαν ἔχητε] It is not easy to say whether *μηδενὸς* is neuter or masculine here. Perhaps the fact that *χρέαν* *ἔχειν* is frequently used with a genitive of the thing will turn the scale in favour of the neuter. In Rev. iii. 17 however the right reading is *πεπλούτηκα καὶ οὐδὲν* (not *οὐδενὸς*) *χρέαν* *ἔχω*. Otherwise it would be a decisive instance. In either case the meaning is the same. The Apostle is enforcing the necessity of

manual labour, in order that his converts may have sufficient for the wants of life, and may not appear before the unbelievers in the light of needy idlers.

iii. *The Advent of the Lord* (iv. 13—v. 11).

(a) *The dead shall have their place in the Resurrection* (iv. 13—18).

13. Though there is an apparent change of subject here, the new topic is not entirely unconnected with the old. The restlessness which agitated the Church of Thessalonica, and led to a neglect of the occupations of daily life, was doubtless due to their feverish anticipations of the immediate coming of Christ; see *Biblical Essays*, 264 sq. This view can scarcely be considered a mere conjecture, supported as it is by 2 Thess. ii. 2; but, even if it were, the supposition is so natural as to commend itself, and we are not without instances of the disturbing effects of such an unchastened anticipation in later ages of the Church. In the tenth century for instance the expectation of the approaching end of the world in or about the year 1000 A.D. was almost universal. This event was to usher in the seventh sabbatical period of a thousand years, the preceding six millennia being calculated as five between Adam and Christ, and one after the Nativity. See on this matter Trihemius *Chronic. Hirsaug.* ad ann. 960, Glaber Rudulphus *Hist.* iv. 6. Again, amidst the plagues and famines of the fourteenth century the Flagellantes were prominent in their announcements of the speedy approach of the end.

The anticipation of Christ's coming then is the connecting link between the former subject and the present. It reminds the Apostle that he has to meet a difficulty respecting the position of the dead at the coming of Christ. This can scarcely be an imaginary difficulty which the Apostle has here started, and yet on the other hand from the indirect way in which the subject is introduced it does not seem to have been formally propounded to him by the Thessalonians. In this respect it presents a contrast to 1 Cor. vii. 1. The intermediate view is the most probable, that Timotheus had learnt during his visit to Thessalonica that this question agitated the Church, and had reported the fact to St Paul. That such questions were propounded in the early Church is evident from the interrogation put by Clement to St Peter in the *Clem. Recogn.* (I. 52), 'Si Christi regno fruentur hi quos justos invenerit ejus adventus, ergo qui ante adventum ejus defuncti sunt, regno penitus carebunt?'

It is not necessary to suppose any lengthened existence of the Church of Thessalonica at the time when this letter was written, in order to account for this difficulty. If only one or two of the converts had died meanwhile, it was sufficient to give rise to the question. Indeed it is

one much more likely to be started in an early stage of the Church's growth than at a later period.

Οὐ θέλομεν δὲ ὑμᾶς ἀγνοεῖν] An emphatic expression of St Paul, characteristic of his earlier Epistles, and used especially when he is correcting false impressions, or solving difficult questions (e.g. Rom. xi. 25, 1 Cor. x. 1, xii. 1), or dwelling on personal matters (e.g. Rom. i. 13, 2 Cor. i. 8; comp. Col. ii. 1 **θέλω γὰρ ὑμᾶς εἰδέναι**): never it would appear without a special reference to something which had occurred.

It is frequently used with *γάρ*; but it does not even with *δὲ* necessarily imply an abrupt transition, but generally introduces a subject more or less connected with what precedes. See the passages above referred to, e.g. Rom. i. 13.

κοιμωμένων] 'Lying asleep.' The reading is somewhat doubtful, external testimony being divided between *κοιμωμένων* and *κεκοιμημένων*. However *κοιμωμένων* is the more probable, for (1) it is favoured by the older manuscripts, including NB; (2) it is more likely to have been altered into *κεκοιμημένων* than conversely, the latter being the usual expression, comp. Matt. xxvii. 52, 1 Cor. xv. 20; (3) it is a more expressive term, pointing forward to the future awakening and so implying the Resurrection more definitely than *κεκοιμημένων*. This last consideration no doubt it was which induced the transcriber of D to substitute *κοιμάται* for *κεκοιμηται* in John xi. 12 *εἰ κεκοιμηται, σωθήσεται*.

καθὼς καὶ οἱ λοιποί] This sentence has been taken, after Augustine (*Serm. 172*) and Theodoret, to express not a total prohibition of grief, but only of such excessive grief as the heathen indulged in, and is accordingly translated 'may not grieve to the same extent as the heathen.' The Greek is thus strained to obtain a more humane interpretation. That St Paul would not have forbidden the reasonable expression of sorrow at the loss of friends we cannot doubt. But here, as elsewhere, he states his precept broadly, without caring to enter into the qualifications which will suggest themselves at once to thinking men. On *καὶ* see the note on iv. 5 *καὶ τὰ ἔθυμα*.

οἱ λοιποί] i.e. 'the heathen'; as Ephes. ii. 3 *καὶ ἡμεθα τέκνα φύσει ὄργης ὡς καὶ οἱ λοιποί*: comp. Rom. xi. 7.

οἱ μὴ ἔχοντες ἀλπίδα] The contrast between the gloomy despair of the heathen and the triumphant hope of the Christian mourner is nowhere more forcibly brought out than by their monumental inscriptions. The contrast of the tombs, for instance, in the Appian Way, above and below ground, has often been dwelt upon. On the one hand there is the dreary wail of despair, the effect of which is only heightened by the pomp of outward splendour from which it issues. On the other the exulting psalm of hope, shining the more brightly in all ill-written, ill-spelt records amidst the darkness of subterranean caverns. This is a more striking illustration than any quotations from literature which could be produced. Yet such testimony is readily available also. Such is the passage in

Catullus v. 4 'Soles occidere et redire possunt, Nobis, cum semel occidit brevis lux, Nox est perpetua una dormienda,' or the lament of Moschus (iii. 106 sq.) over the death of his friend Bion, if possible even more pathetic in its despair, Αἴ, αἴ, ταὶ μαλάχαι μὲν ἐπὰν κατὰ κάποιν ὅλωνται, 'Η τὰ χλωρὰ σέλινα, τό τ' εὐθαλὲς οὐλον ἄνηθον, "Υστερον αὖ ζώοντι καὶ εἰς ἔτος ἀλλο φύοντι· "Αμφες δ', οἱ μεγάλοι καὶ καρτεροὶ ἡ σοφοὶ ἄνδρες, 'Οππότε πρᾶτα θάνωμες, ἀνάκοι ἐν χθονὶ κοιλᾳ Εὔδομες εὑ μάλα μακρὸν ἀτέρμονα νήγρετον ὑπνον. In these and similar passages we cannot fail to observe how the very objects in nature, which Christian philosophers, e.g. Butler (*Analogy*, Pt. I. ch. 1), have adduced as types and analogies of the resurrection of man, as for instance the rising and setting of the sun, and the annual resuscitation of plants, presented to the heathen only a painful contrast, enforcing the inferiority of man to the inanimate creation. This triumphant application of natural phenomena by Christian writers to support the doctrine of immortality begins at once. In a striking passage Clement of Rome employs the succession of day and night, the rotation of crops, etc. as analogies pointing to the Resurrection (καιροὶ ἔαριντοι καὶ θερινοὶ καὶ μετοπωρινοὶ καὶ χειμερινοὶ ἐν εἰρήνῃ μεταπαραδίδοσιν ἀλλήλους κ.τ.λ. § 20).

Had St Paul been addressing a Jewish population, he could not have spoken so strongly. If the doctrine of the Resurrection is not brought prominently forward in the Old Testament, still the Messianic hopes, there suggested, could not but tend to its taking deep root in the minds of the people. There was an instinctive feeling that the coming of Messias was not a national revival only, but that it must have some reference to themselves individually, that they were to partake in it. Hence the distinctness, with which the doctrine of the Resurrection presented itself to the Jewish people, kept pace with the growth of the expectation of a coming Deliverer.

14. *οὕτως καὶ ὁ Θεὸς κ.τ.λ.*] The apodosis to be in conformity with the protasis ought to have run *οὕτως δεῖ πιστεύειν κ.τ.λ.*; but the protasis having been stated in a hypothetical form 'if we believe etc.,' St Paul is instinctively led to correct any impression of uncertainty, by throwing the apodosis into the form of a direct assertion and thus clinching the truth on which he is dwelling.

διὰ τοῦ Ἰησοῦν] Though there is some difficulty in explaining διὰ if we connect these words with *τοὺς κοιμηθέντας* (as Chrysostom and apparently Ambrosiaster), yet the arguments in favour of this connexion are so strong that it is to be preferred to the otherwise simpler construction attaching them to ἀξεὶ σὺν αὐτῷ. For (1) the parallelism of the sentence (and consequently the sense which is guided by this parallelism) requires that the words should be so taken—*Ἰησοῦς ἀπέθανε* being answered by *τοὺς κοιμηθέντας διὰ τοῦ Ἰησοῦν*, and [*Ἰησοῦς*] ἀνέστη by ἀξεὶ σὺν αὐτῷ. (2) It was necessary in some way to limit and define *τῶν κεκοιμημένων* so as to show that not all the dead were meant, but only 'the dead in Christ.'

How then is διὰ to be explained? Such passages as 1 Cor. xv. 18 οἱ κοιμηθέντες ἐν Χριστῷ (comp. Apoc. xiv. 13) only illustrate generally the meaning: for the difficulty is in assigning its proper signification of instrumentality to the preposition. Such expressions as 'to live through Christ,' 'to be raised through Christ' are natural enough of Him who is the Resurrection and the Life; but 'to die through Christ' is startling, for He is always represented in St Paul as in direct antagonism to death (e.g. 1 Cor. xv. 26). The justification of διὰ however is probably to be sought in the fact that κοιμηθῆναι is not equivalent to θανεῖν, but implies moreover the idea *first* of peacefulness, and *secondly* of an awakening. It was Jesus who transformed their death into a peaceful slumber. Or it may be the case that διὰ here is not the διὰ of instrument, but the διὰ of passage. As a state of spiritual condition is ἐν Χριστῷ, so a transition from one state to another is διὰ Χριστοῦ.

Professor Jowett (on ver. 13) speaks of κοιμᾶσθαι as 'a euphemism for the dead which is used in the Old Testament and sometimes in classical writers.' But indeed it is more than a euphemism in the New Testament, which speaks also of their awakening: compare August. *Serm.* 93 'Quare dormientes vocantur? nisi quia suo die resuscitabuntur' cited by Wordsworth, and a remarkable passage in Philo *Fragm.* II. p. 667 *ed.* Mangey. Photius (*Quaest. Amphil.* 168) remarks ἐπὶ μὲν οὖν τοῦ Χριστοῦ θάνατον καλεῖ, ἵνα τὸ πάθος πιστώσηται· ἐπὶ δὲ ήμῶν κοιμησιν, ὥστη τὴν ὁδύνην παραμυθίσηται. ἔνθα μὲν γὰρ παρεχώρησεν η ἀνάστασις θαρρῶν καλεῖ θάνατον· ἔνθα δὲ ἐν ἐλπίσιν ἔτι μένει κοιμησιν καλεῖ κ.τ.λ.

ἄξει σὺν αὐτῷ] is best explained by vv. 17, 18. It is not a pregnant expression for 'will take so as to be with Him': but 'will lead with Him' to His eternal abode of glory. 'ἄξει ducet, suave verbum: dicitur de viventibus,' Bengel. For the general sentiment compare 2 Cor. iv. 14, Ign. *Trall.* 9 ὃς καὶ ἀληθᾶς ἡγέρθη ἀπὸ νεκρῶν...κατὰ τὸ ὄμοίωμα ὃς καὶ ήμᾶς τοὺς πιστεύοντας αὐτῷ οὗτος ἔγερεῖ ὁ πατήρ αὐτοῦ ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ.

15. ἐν λόγῳ Κυρίου] This expression has been explained as a reference to some recorded saying of our Lord, transmitted either in writing or orally. The nearest approach to the passage here in the canonical Gospels is found in Matt. xxiv. 31, where however the similarity is not great enough to encourage such an inference. It is perhaps more probable that St Paul refers to a direct revelation, which he had himself received from the Lord. The use of the phrase 'the word of the Lord' in the Old Testament is in favour of this meaning. On the expression λόγος Κυρίου generally, see the note on i. 8. See also below on v. 2 ἀκριβῶς οἶδατε. The same question arises with reference to 1 Cor. vii. 10 οὐκ ἔγώ ἀλλὰ ὁ Κύριος, and it ought probably to be decided in the same way.

ήμεις οἱ ζῶντες] This expression suggests the question to what extent and in what sense it may be said that St Paul and the Apostles generally looked for the speedy approach of the advent of Christ. It is difficult in

attempting an answer to this question to avoid exaggerating on one side or the other, but the facts seem to justify the following remarks.

(1) It should create no difficulty, if we find the Apostles ignorant of the time of the Lord's coming. However we may extend the limits of inspiration, this one point seems to lie without those limits. This is indeed the one subject on which we should expect inspiration to exercise a reserve. It is 'I, not the Lord,' who speaks here. For we are told that the angels of heaven—and even the Son Himself, otherwise than as God—are excluded from this knowledge (Mark xiii. 32). On this subject then we might expect to find the language of the Apostles vague, inconstant and possibly contradictory.

(2) The Apostles certainly do speak as though there were a reasonable expectation of the Lord's appearing in their own time. They use modes of expression which cannot otherwise be explained. Such is the use of the plural here: comp. 1 Cor. xv. 51 according to the received text, which seems to retain the correct reading. Nor does it imply more than a reasonable expectation, a probability indeed, but nothing approaching to a certainty, for it is carefully guarded by the explanatory *οἱ ζῶντες, οἱ περιλειπόμενοι*, which may be paraphrased, "When I say 'we,' I mean those who are living, those who survive to that day." Bengel says very wisely and truly: 'Sic τὸ *nos* hic ponitur, ut alias nomina *Caius* et *Titius*: idque eo commodius, quia fidelibus illius aetatis amplum temporis spatium usque ad finem mundi nondum distincte scire licuit. Tempus praesens in utroque participio est praesens pro ipso adventu Domini, uti Act. x. 42, et passim.'

(3) On the other hand, they never pledge themselves to a positive assurance that He will so come: but on the contrary frequently qualify their expression of anticipation by declaring that the time is uncertain (as 1 Thess. v. 1, 2); and sometimes when pressed even guard against the idea that the day is immediate (as 2 Thess. ii. 2), or justify the delay by reference to the attributes of God (as 2 Pet. iii. 8).

(4) With regard to St Paul it is scarcely true to say that the expectation grows weaker in his later Epistles, that in these he seems to delay the coming of the Lord (for see e.g. Phil. iv. 5, 1 Cor. xvi. 22). It is rather that the expectation remains about where it was, but is not brought so prominently forward, and this for two reasons. *First.* The Apostle's own dissolution in the ordinary course of things was drawing nearer, and therefore his own chance of being alive at the time was diminished. *Secondly.* The doctrine of Christ's coming, essentially and necessarily brought forward in the Apostle's teaching to the Church in its earliest stages in connexion with the Resurrection and the Judgment, resigns its special prominence at a later period to other great doctrines of the Faith. See the Essay 'On the chronology of St Paul's life and Epistles' in *Biblical Essays*, p. 215 sq. esp. p. 228.

(5) There is no ground for the assumption that ecclesiastical organi-

zation was deferred in the infancy of the Church owing to this belief. This organization appears to have kept pace with the growing needs of the Church and not to have received any unnatural check. Moreover such a supposition would be little in accordance with the tone always maintained by St Paul in speaking of the Lord's coming; for he urges the sober application to the ordinary duties of life, and deprecates any restless extravagances built upon the supposition of its near approach. Whatever the converts may have done, the Apostles themselves seem never to have given way to any such feeling. It is significant here for instance that obedience to rulers follows after this explanation about the Lord's day.

(6) The tone and temper exhibited by the Apostles in relation to this great event is intended as an example to the Church in all ages. She is to be ever watchful for the Advent of her Lord, and yet ever to pursue the daily avocations of life in calmness and sobriety.

οὐ μὴ φθάσωμεν] 'shall in no wise prevent, or be before.' On οὐ μὴ in the New Testament see Winer § lvi. p. 634 sq.

16. αὐτὸς ὁ Κύριος] 'The Lord Himself,' i.e. not by any intermediate agency, but in His own person He will come. 'αὐτὸς Ipse, grandis sermo' Bengel.

There is nothing more certain than that the New Testament represents the general judgment of mankind as ushered in by an actual visible appearance of our Lord on earth. 'This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as (οὕτως ἐλεύσεται ὡς τρόπον) ye have seen Him go into heaven' (Acts i. 11). And the announcement of the angels is not more explicit on this point than the universal language of the New Testament. Indeed, independently of revelation, it would be not unreasonable to infer that, as the redemption of mankind had an outward historical realization in His appearance in the flesh, so also the judgment of mankind should be manifested outwardly in the same way in time and space by His coming in person—that in short there should exist the analogy suggested by the angels' announcement. But in filling in the details of this great event, into which even the Apostles themselves saw but dimly, we are apt to be led into idle and unprofitable fancies; and in interpreting individual expressions, it is perhaps safer to content ourselves with pointing out parallels from apocalyptic imagery, than to attempt to realize and define figurative language with too great minuteness.

ἐν κελεύσματι] Κελευσμα (from κελεύειν 'to summon') is a classical word used (1) generally of 'commands' e.g. Æsch. *Eum.* 226 *Λοξίου κελεύσμασιν ἦκω*, Soph. *Antig.* 1198, (2) 'a shout of encouragement' Thuc. ii. 92 ἀπὸ ἐνὸς κελεύσματος ἐμβοήσαντες, with special reference to the encouragement of rowers by the κελευστής, e.g. Æsch. *Pers.* 397, or of horses, dogs etc., e.g. Xen. *Cyrop.* vi. 20, (3) 'a summons for the purpose of gathering together,' e.g. Diod. iii. 15 τὸ πλῆθος ἀθροίζεται καθάπερ ἀφ' ἐνὸς κελεύσματος. It occurs once in the LXX. of the marshalling of the

locusts, Prov. xxx. 27 (xxiv. 62) *στρατεύει ἀφ' ἐνὸς κελεύσματος εὐτάκτως.* The nearest approach to the meaning of the passage before us is perhaps Philo *de praem. et poen.* § 19, II. p. 427 ἀνθρώπους ἐν ἐσχάταις ἀπωφεύσμένους ρᾳδίως ἢν ἐνὶ κελεύσματι συναγάγοι Θεὸς ἀπὸ περάτων. It would seem then that the κελεύσμα of which St Paul speaks is the summons to all, both living and dead, to meet their Lord. Such a summons is expressed in figurative language in Matt. xxv. 6 'Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him.'

The preposition *ἐν* signifies the attendant circumstances rather than the time (1 Cor. xv. 52 *ἐν τῇ ἐσχάτῃ σάλπιγγι*); see Winer § xlviii. p. 482.

φωνῇ ἀρχαγγέλου] i.e. of one of the leaders of the heavenly host. Later Judaism busied itself with idle speculation about the number and names and functions of the angelic host, see Gfrörer *Jahrb. der Heil.* I. p. 352 sq. : but St Paul gives no encouragement to such speculations, though his language necessarily takes its colour from the imagery which was common in his day, e.g. Ephes. i. 21, Col. i. 16.

ἐν σάλπιγῃ Θεοῦ] The same figure, if it be a figure, is repeated in 1 Cor. xv. 52 *ἐν τῇ ἐσχάτῃ σάλπιγῃ σαλπίσει γὰρ κ.τ.λ.* The trumpet was the signal of the approach of the Lord at the giving of the law (Exod. xix. 16) ; see also Zech. ix. 14, which suggests the doubt whether the expression is more than an image here.

οἱ νεκροὶ ἐν Χριστῷ] The whole phrase is to be kept together. On the omission of the article see the notes on i. 1 *ἐν Θεῷ πατρὶ* and ii. 14. The question how are the dead raised is touched upon in 1 Cor. xv., where the change from corruption to incorruptibility is described as coincident with their rising (ver. 52).

πρῶτον] 'first,' in relation to *ἔπειτα* which follows. There is no reference here to the 'first resurrection' (Apoc. xx. 5).

17. **ἄμα**] is not to be taken apart from *σὺν αὐτοῖς* in the sense 'at the same time, together with them'; for the combination **ἄμα σὺν** is too common to allow of the separation of the two words (see v. 10, and comp. e.g. Eur. *Ion* 717 *νυκτιόλοις ἄμα σὺν βάκχαις*). The distinction of Ammonius (quoted by Ellicott) **ἄμα μὲν ἔστι χρονικὸν ἐπίρρημα, δῶμον δὲ τοπικόν** may be correct, but does not decide the construction here or in Rom. iii. 12. On the other hand Moeris (p. 272) states ὅμοσε, **ἄμα, ὅμοθεν τόπου δηλωτικά**: *τὸ μὲν γὰρ ἄμα ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ δηλοῖ, τὸ δὲ ὅμοσε εἰς τὸ αὐτό, τὸ δὲ ὅμοθεν ἐκ τοῦ αὐτοῦ.* In Matt. xiii. 29 the sense seems to require that **ἄμα αὐτοῖς** should be interpreted of place rather than of time, and instances of a local meaning are frequent in the classics, e.g. Herod. vi. 138 *τοὺς ἄμα Θάσας, Thuc. vii. 57 τοὺς ἄμα Γυλίππων, Appian. Hisp. vi. 8 ὁ δῆμος ἄμα τοῖς κατηγοροῦσιν ἐγίγνετο.*

ἐν νεφέλαις] 'in clouds,' on which as on a chariot they would be borne aloft. Compare the expression in Acts i. 9 *νεφέλη ὑπέλαβεν αὐτὸν ἀπὸ τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν αὐτῶν.* Christ is represented as coming 'on the clouds of heaven' *ἐπὶ τῶν νεφελῶν* (Matt. xxiv. 30, xxvi. 64). In Apoc. i. 7 the idea is somewhat different (*μετὰ τῶν νεφελῶν*) ; the clouds are the accompani-

ment not the throne, and according to Trench (*Commentary on the Epistles to the Seven Churches ad loc.*) ‘belong, not to the glory and gladness, but to the terror and anguish of that day.’ He compares Ps. xciii. 2, Nah. i. 3.

ἀπάντησιν v. l. **ὑπάντησιν**] The distinction commonly given between **ἀπάντησις** and **ὑπάντησις**, viz. that the former signifies a casual, the latter a premeditated meeting (see Bornemann on Xen. *Cyrop.* i. 4. 22), is only approximately true. It would be more correct to say that **ἀπάντησις** is a meeting absolutely, whereas **ὑπάντησις** involves a notion of ‘looking out for,’ ‘waiting for,’ ‘waylaying.’ In most places where either word occurs there is the same variety of reading, **συνάντησις** being also found as a variant. The comparison of authorities shows that **ἀπάντησις** is to be preferred in Matt. xxv. 6, Acts xxviii. 15 and here, **ὑπάντησις** in Matt. viii. 34, Matt. xxv. 1 and John xii. 13. The two passages in Matt. xxv. are significant of the variety in meaning of the two words.

εἰς ἀέρα] ‘into the air.’ The distinction in classical writers between **αιθῆρ** ‘the pure æther,’ and **ἀὴρ** ‘the atmosphere with the clouds etc.’ is strictly observed. Compare e.g. Hom. *Il.* viii. 558 **οὐρανόθεν δ' ἄρ'** **ὑπερράγη ἀσπετος αἰθήρ,** xvii. 371 (where **εὐκηλοις ἵπ' αἰθέρι** is distinguished from *Od.* viii. 562 **ἡέρι καὶ νεφέλῃ**), Plato *Phaedo* III. **Β ο δὲ ήμιν οἱ ἀὴρ,** **ἐκείνοις τὸν αἰθέρα,** and as late as Plutarch *de esur. carn. or.* I § 2 (p. 230 ed. Hutten) **ἔτι μὲν οὐρανὸν ἔκρυψτεν.** So too in Christian writers, e.g. Athénag. *Leg.* 5 **τὸν δὲ ἀπὸ τῶν ἔργων ὅψει τῶν ἀδήλων νοῶν τὰ φαινόμενα,** **ἀέρος, αἰθέρος, γῆς.** In the New Testament indeed the word **αιθῆρ** does not occur, but still **ἀὴρ** seems to be used in its proper sense : e.g. Eph. ii. 2 **τὸν ἄρχοντα τῆς ἔξουσίας τοῦ ἀέρος,** an expression which we cannot well explain unless **ἀὴρ** presented some contrast to the pure heaven, the **οὐρανός,** which is the abode of God and of Christ. Thus then **εἰς ἀέρα** here denotes that the Lord will descend into the immediate region of the earth, where He will be met by His faithful people. Of the final abode of His glorified saints nothing is said here ; for the Apostle closes, as soon as he fulfilled his purpose of satisfying his Thessalonian readers that the dead will participate in Christ’s coming. The comment however of Augustine (*de civit. Dei* xx. 20. 2) is worth recording : ‘non sic accipendum est tanquam in aere nos dixerit semper cum Domino mansuros, quia nec ipse utique ibi manebit, quia veniens transiturus est ; venienti quippe ibitur obviam, non manenti’ ; comp. Origen *de princ.* ii. 11 (l. p. 104).

οὕτως] ‘accordingly,’ i.e. ‘having thus joined our Lord.’ ‘Paulus, quum quae scribi opus erat ad consolandum scripsit, maximas res hac brevitate involvit.’ Bengel.

18. **ἐν τοῖς λόγοις]** ‘with these words,’ i.e. ‘this my account of the Lord’s coming.’ The instrumental use of **ἐν** is noticeable, the action being ‘conceived of as existing in the means’ (Ellicott *ad loc.*, who refers to Wunder on Soph. *Philoct.* 60).

CHAPTER V.

(b) *The time however is uncertain* (v. 1—3).

i. τῶν χρόνων καὶ τῶν καιρῶν] ‘the times and the seasons.’ Compare Acts i. 7 οὐχ ὑμῶν ἔστιν γνῶναι χρόνους ἢ καιρούς, 1 Pet. i. 11, and Dan. ii. 21, Wisd. viii. 8, Eccles. iii. 1. Also Demosth. *Olynth.* 3 § 32 τίνα γὰρ χρόνον ἢ τίνα καιρόν, ὡς ἀνδρες Ἀθηναῖοι τοῦ παρόντος βελτίω ζητεῖσθε; and Ign. *Polyc.* 3 τοὺς καιρὸν καταμάνθανε τὸν ὑπὲρ καιρὸν προσδόκα, τὸν ἄχρονον (with the notes). The common distinction that *χρόνος* means a longer, *καιρός* a shorter period of time is erroneous, though it contains an element of truth. The real difference is correctly given by Ammonius p. 80 ὁ μὲν καιρὸς δηλοῖ ποιότητα, χρόνος δὲ ποσότητα. In fact *χρόνος* denotes a period of time whether long or short, and hence in reference to any particular event ‘the date.’ *Καιρός* on the other hand applies equally to place as to time (perhaps primarily to place rather than to time, as is generally the case), and signifies originally ‘the fit measure’ (compare the use of *καίριος*, e.g. Aesch. *Agam.* 1343 πέπληγμα καιρίαν πληγήν). Hence in reference to time it is ‘the right moment,’ ‘the opportunity for doing, or avoiding to do, anything,’ involving the idea of *adaptation*. Now the opportunity for doing a thing is generally of brief duration (Demosth. *Fals. Leg.* p. 343. Ι πολλάκις συμβαίνει πολλῶν πραγμάτων καὶ μεγάλων καιρὸν ἐν βραχεῖ χρόνῳ γίγνεσθαι), and hence *καιρός* may frequently signify ‘a short period of time’; but this is accidental, and it is best distinguished from *χρόνος* (as by Ammonius) as pointing to *quality* rather than *quantity*. There are some good passages in Trench *N. T. Syn.* p. 209 s. *vv.*, but he does not seem quite to hit off the distinction. Augustine *Epist.* 197 (quoted by Wordsworth) draws attention to the inadequacy of the Latin language to express the distinction between the two words ‘ibi (Acts i. 7) Graece legitur χρόνους ἢ καιρούς. Nostri utrumque hoc verbum *tempora* appellant, sive χρόνους sive καιρούς, cum habeant haec duo inter se non negligendam differentiam, καιρὸς quippe appellant Graece tempora quaedam...quae in rebus ad aliquid opportunis vel importunis sentiuntur...χρόνους autem ipsa spatia temporum vocant.’ Tertullian’s translation (*de resur. carn.* 24. 19) ‘de temporibus autem et temporum spatiis’ is utterly misleading.

Here *χρόνοι* denotes the period which must elapse before and in the consummation of this great event, in other words it points to the date: while *καιροὶ* refers to the occurrences which will mark the occasion, the signs by which its approach will be ushered in (comp. Matt. xvi. 3 τὰ σημεῖα τῶν καιρῶν).

2. ἀκριβῶς οἶδατε] The resemblance in this passage to the saying of our Lord recorded in two of the Evangelists (Matt. xxiv. 43, Luke xii. 39) makes it probable that St Paul is referring to the very words of Christ. The introductory words ἀκριβῶς οἶδατε seem to point to our Lord's authority. There is no ground however for supposing the existence of a written gospel at this time, since the same facts which were afterwards committed to writing would naturally form the substance of St Paul's oral gospel. Had such a written gospel existed and been circulated by St Paul, in the manner which has sometimes been supposed, he could scarcely have referred to his oral teaching in preference five years later in 1 Cor. xi. 23 sq., xv. 1, when a reference to the written document would have been decisive. There is probably the same reference to our Lord's saying in 2 Pet. iii. 10 ἡξει δὲ ἡμέρα Κυρίου ὡς κλέπτης, for several such are embedded in St Peter's Epistles.

ἡμέρα Κυρίου] In this expression, which is derived from the Old Testament, the word *ἡμέρα* seems originally to have involved no other notion than that of *time*. It is of frequent occurrence in the prophets to designate the time of the manifestation of God's sovereignty in some signal manner by the overthrow of His enemies (e.g. Is. ii. 12, Jer. xlvi. 10, Ezek. vii. 10), and thus is used specially of the judgment day, of which these lesser imitations are but types. So Joel (ii. 31) distinguishes 'the great and terrible day of the Lord' from ordinary visitations. As the day of the Lord was the day *par excellence*, we find ἡ *ἡμέρα* (Rom. xiii. 12, Heb. x. 25) and ἡ *ἡμέρα ἔκεινη* (2 Thess. i. 10, 2 Tim. i. 12, 18, iv. 8) without the distinguishing *Kυρίου* or *κρίσεως*, of the judgment day. From this accidental connexion of meaning, *ἡμέρα* is sometimes used in the sense of *judgment* or *verdict*: 1 Cor. iv. 3 ὑπὸ ἀνθρωπίνης *ἡμέρας*, a meaning the currency of which would be facilitated by the analogy of the Latin 'diem dicere,' see Stanley *ad loc.* Compare Acts xvii. 31 ἔστησεν *ἡμέραν κ.τ.λ.* i.e. appointed a day to vindicate Himself. On the collateral idea which has attached itself to *ἡ ἡμέρα*, see the note on ver. 4.

The omission of the article, which the received text has inserted on inferior authority, is justified by Phil. i. 10, ii. 16 *ἡμέρα Χριστοῦ*, where see the notes, and 2 Pet. iii. 10 *ἡμέρα Κυρίου*, where there is the same variation of reading as here.

ἐν νυκτὶ] On the ecclesiastical tradition see Jerome on Matt. xxv. 6 cited by Lünemann, p. 135, and compare *Biblical Essays* p. 153 for the Jewish expectation of the midnight appearance of the Messiah.

ἔρχεται] 'cometh.' The present tense denotes rather the certainty of its arrival, than the nearness. Similar instances of this usage are 1 Cor.

iii. 13 ἀποκαλύπτεται, Heb. viii. 8 οὐδὲν ἡμέραι ἔρχονται (cited from Jer. xxxi. 31), 1 John ii. 18 ἀντίχριστος ἔρχεται, 1 John iv. 3. See further on 2 Thess. ii. 9 οὐ ἔστιν ἡ παρουσία. It is akin to the prophetic present. See Winer § xl. p. 331 sq.

3. ὅταν λέγωσιν] It is difficult to explain the δὲ of the Textus Receptus before λέγωσιν, supposing it to be genuine. It cannot well mark the opposition between the faithful Thessalonians, who were waiting for the coming of the Lord, and the careless who would be taken by surprise; for the absence of any expressed subject to λέγωσιν shows that the antithesis is not that of persons. If the conjunction is to be retained, the meaning is rather this: ‘though men have been warned that the Lord cometh as a thief in the night and should therefore be watchful and prepared, yet they will be taken by surprise.’ On the whole however manuscript evidence is rather in favour of omitting the word.

If, as seems not unlikely, the sentence is a direct quotation from our Lord’s words, the reference implied in the word αὐτοῖς is to be sought for in the context of the saying from which St Paul quotes.

εἰρήνη καὶ ἀσφάλεια] Compare Ezek. xiii. 10, Jerem. vi. 14.

τότε αἱφνίδιος αὐτοῖς κ.τ.λ.] The resemblance of this passage to one of the apocalyptic discourses of our Lord recorded by St Luke (xxi. 34, 36) has not escaped observation, προσέχετε ἑαυτοῖς.. μὴ...ἐπιστῆ ἐφ' ὑμᾶς αἱφνίδιος ἡ ἡμέρα ἔκεινη...ἴνα κατισχύσῃ τε ἐκφυγεῖν ταῦτα πάντα. This is only one out of several special points of coincidence between St Paul’s Epistles and the Third Gospel, where it diverges from the others. Compare for instance the account of the institution of the Eucharist (1 Cor. xi. 23—26) with Luke xxii. 19, 20, and the Lord’s appearance to St Peter (1 Cor. xv. 5) with Luke xxiv. 34; also the maxim in 1 Tim. v. 18 with Luke x. 7, where St Luke unites with St Paul in reading τοῦ μισθοῦ, as distinct from the τῆς τροφῆς of Matt. x. 10. This confirms the tradition that the compiler of that Gospel was a companion of St Paul, and committed to writing the Gospel which the Apostle preached orally.

ἀδιν] ‘the birth-throe of some new development,’ a frequent metaphor in the Old Testament: e.g. Psalm xlvi. 6, Jerem. vi. 24.

The dissimilarity which this verse presents to the ordinary style of St Paul is striking. We seem suddenly to have stumbled on a passage out of the Hebrew prophets. This phenomenon appears frequently in the New Testament writers where they are dealing with Apocalyptic questions and with denunciations of woe, and in fact explains anomalies of style which otherwise would create considerable difficulty. The writers fall naturally into the imagery and the language. Such is the case in some degree with the second chapter of the Second Epistle to the Thessalonians (see also 2 Thess. i. 7); and to a still greater extent with a large portion of St Peter’s Second Epistle, where the Apocalyptic portion is so different in style from the rest, that some have thought to settle the question of its genuineness by rejecting this portion and retaining the remainder. It

explains also to a great extent the marked difference in style between the Revelation of St John and his other writings.

(c) *Watchfulness therefore is necessary (v. 4—11).*

4 'Ye are living in the daylight now. Therefore there will be no sudden change for you. You will not be surprised by the transition from darkness to light, when the secret sins of men shall be revealed.'

ὑμεῖς δὲ] 'but ye,' as opposed to the careless and unbelieving of the former verse. Compare Eph. iv. 20 *ὑμεῖς δὲ οὐχ οὐτως ἐμάθετε τὸν Χριστόν.* The opposition is still further enforced by the emphatic position of *ὑμᾶς* below, preceding the verb which governs it.

ἴνα] It is possible to assign to *ἴνα* here its original force of purpose or design, 'in order that'; and to explain it as used in reference to the counsels of God. But the word is better taken here, as simply expressing the result or consequence, a meaning which in the decline of the Greek language gradually displaced its original signification. An analogous case is Gal. v. 17 *ταῦτα γὰρ ἀλλῆλοις ἀντίκειται, ἵνα μὴ ἡ ἐὰν θέλητε ταῦτα ποιήσῃς:* see also above ii. 16 (with the note).

ἡ ἡμέρα] 'the day' of judgment, 'the day' *par excellence*. As we have seen above, the primary meaning of 'the day' as applied to the coming of the Lord involved only a notion of time (see note on ver. 2): but the word came naturally to imply an idea of revelation, enlightenment (1 Cor. iv. 5), and thus to suggest a contrast between the darkness of the present world and the light of the future—the one being related to the other as night to day. This is the predominant notion of *ἡ ἡμέρα* here. See 1 Cor. iii. 13 *ἡ γὰρ ἡμέρα δηλώσει, Rom. xiii. 12 ἡ νῦν προέκοψεν, ἡ δὲ ἡμέρα ἥγγικεν* (the whole passage strongly resembling this), compared with Heb. x. 25 *τοσούτῳ μᾶλλον ὅσῳ βλέπετε ἔγγιζουσαν τὴν ἡμέραν.* In the first of these passages the further notion of 'fire' comes in (see the note on 1 Cor. iii. 13 *ὅτι ἐν πυρὶ ἀποκαλύπτεται*).

κλέπτας] The reading *κλέπτας*, though perhaps insufficiently supported by external authority (being read only by AB and the Egyptian versions), has a claim to preference on the ground of its being the more difficult and on internal grounds is rendered probable. It is extremely unlikely that a transcriber would alter *κλέπτης* into *κλέπτας*, while (in face of ver. 2) the converse is highly probable, and indeed natural. The inversion of the metaphor in *κλέπτης, κλέπτας* is quite after St Paul's manner. See the note on ii. 7 and the examples collected there.

The Apostle's way of dealing with metaphors may be still further illustrated by the different lights in which *ἡμέρα* is presented here, and by the double figurative application of *γρηγορεῖν, καθεύδειν*, first to the spiritually watchful and careless in ver. 6, and then to the physically living and the dead in ver. 10. Nothing, in short, is farther from his aim than to present a simple and consistent metaphor. No application which

suggests itself is discarded on rules of rhetoric. All things are lawful to him, if only they are expedient; and wherever a great spiritual lesson is to be enforced, the first instrument which comes to hand is made use of, even though it might offend the more refined and exact taste of some. This, we may suppose, was one of the characteristics of his eloquence which made him appear 'rude of speech' (2 Cor. xi. 6) to the critical ears of a Greek audience.

Moreover the reading *κλέπτας* is better adapted to what follows: 'that the day should surprise you as if ye were thieves: for ye are all *sons of light* etc.' For the whole idea see a remarkable coincidence in Euripides (*Iph. in Taur.* 1025, 6) ΙΦ. ὡς δὴ σκότος λαβόντες ἐκσωθεῖμεν ἄν; OP. *κλεπτῶν γάρ ή νύξ, τῆς δ' ἀληθείας τὸ φῶς.*

5. *vioi φωτός ἔστε*] 'sons of light,' as opposed to the unenlightened, whether heathen or Jews; but to the former especially, see Eph. v. 8 ητε γάρ ποτε σκότος, νῦν δὲ φῶς ἐν Κυριῳ̄ ὡς τέκνα φωτὸς περιπατεῖτε. For the expression *vioi φωτός* compare also Luke xvi. 8 (where *oi vioi τοῦ φωτὸς* are opposed to *oi vioi τοῦ αἰώνος τούτου*), and John xii. 36. Is the expression found, and, if found, is it at all common previously to the New Testament? In the earliest utterances which usher in the new dispensation, the songs of Zachariah (Luke i. 78) and of Simeon (Luke ii. 32), the idea of the Messiah as a light is impressively dwelt upon; though there, as might be expected, from an Israelite pre-Christian point of view, as one 'to lighten the Gentiles,' the contrast being rather between the Jews and the heathen, than between the believer in Christ and the unbeliever.

vioi ἡμέρας] This is a slight advance upon *vioi φωτός*. 'Not only have ye an illumination of your own, but you are also living and moving in an enlightened sphere.' Christ is the *φῶς*; the Church or (in the frequent language of scripture) the kingdom of God is the *ἡμέρα*, of the believer.

To the believer the boundary-line between darkness and light is the time of his being brought to the knowledge of Christ. Here, rather than at the moment of his dissolution, or of the Second Advent of Christ, is the great change wrought. From this time forward he is living in the light. And the revelation of a future state presents no such contrast of light and darkness as that which he had already passed. The view which St Paul here presents of *ἡμέρα*, first in the revelation of Christ at His Second Advent, and then as the present illumination of the faithful, is exactly akin to the double significance of *ἡ βασιλεία τοῦ Θεοῦ* (or *τῶν οὐρανῶν*) which runs through the New Testament.

νυκτὸς οὐδὲ σκότους] 'we belong not to night, neither to darkness,' *σκότους* corresponding to *φωτός*, and *νυκτὸς* to *ἡμέρας* by the figure called chiasm. For this diagonal correspondence see Jelf Gr. 904. 3, Madvig Lat. Gr. 473 a, Winer § l. p. 511, § lix. p. 658.

6. In this passage the metaphor of 'sleep' is applied to the careless

and indifferent, that of ‘drunkenness’ to the reckless and profligate. The one is to the other as negative to positive sin.

ἔστε] In the preceding verse **ἔστε** had been employed. For a similar interchange of the first and second persons see Gal. iii. 25, 26 **ἐλθούσης δὲ τῆς πίστεως οὐκέτι ὑπὸ παιδαγωγόν ἔσμεν· πάντες γὰρ νιοὶ Θεοῦ ἔστε κ.τ.λ.** Other examples are given in the note on Col. ii. 13. Here as there St Paul is eager to share with his disciples the responsibilities entailed by his Christian privileges.

ἄρα] in classical usage never commences an independent sentence. But in later Greek it assumes a more strictly argumentative sense than in the earlier language, and so frequently occupies the first place. The combination **ἄρα οὖν** is frequent in St Paul, especially in the Romans (e.g. v. 18, vii. 3 etc.).⁶ On the difference between **ἄρα** and **ἅρα** see the note on Gal. ii. 17.

ὡς καὶ οἱ λοιποί] See the note on iv. 5.

γρηγορῶμεν καὶ νήφωμεν] For the collocation see 1 Pet. v. 8 **νήψατε, γρηγορήσατε.**

7. **οἱ γὰρ καθεύδοντες κ.τ.λ.]** No figurative meaning is to be attached to this verse. It is simply a general explanation of the circumstances employed in the metaphor. ‘Night is the time when men sleep and are drunken.’

μεθυσκόμενοι...μεθύοντιν] ‘those who get drunk...are drunk.’ Bengel remarks rightly: ‘Μεθύσκομαι notat actum, μεθύω statum vel habitum.’ The difference of meaning however between the two words is scarcely perceptible and does not affect the sense of the passage. Elsewhere the distinction between the action of becoming drunk and the state of being drunk is obvious: e.g. Luke xii. 45 **πίνειν καὶ μεθύσκεσθαι**, Acts ii. 15 **οὐ...οὗτοι μεθύοντιν**: and so in the classics Plutarch *Symp.* iii. qu. 3 (p. 650 A) **διὰ τί γυναῖκες ἡκιστα μεθίσκονται, τάχιστα δὲ οἱ γέροντες**; Aristoph. *Plut.* 1047 **μεθύων ὡς ἔσικεν οξύτερον βλέπει.**

8. **ἐνδυσάμενοι θώρακα]** The train of thought which suggested the transition from the mention of sobriety to that of the Christian armour is not very obvious. And yet there is exactly the same connexion in Rom. xiii. 12, 13 **Ἡ νὺξ προέκοψεν, ή δὲ ἡμέρα ἥγγικεν· ἀποθώμεθα οὖν τὰ ἔργα τοῦ σκότους, καὶ ἐνδυσώμεθα τὰ ὅπλα τοῦ φωτός· ὡς ἐν ἡμέρᾳ, εὐσχημόνως περιπατήσωμεν.** Perhaps the mention of vigilance suggested the idea of a sentry armed and on duty.

With this account of the parts of the Christian armour, compare Ephes. vi. 13–17, where the metaphor is more fully drawn out. The differences between the two passages are such as to show that it would be unsafe to lay too much stress on the individual weapons in applying the lesson. Corresponding to the ‘breast-plate of faith and love,’ we have in Ephesians ‘the breast-plate of righteousness’ and a little lower down ‘the shield of faith,’ love not being mentioned at all. Answering to **περικεφαλαίαν ἐλπίδα σωτηρίας**, the Ephesian epistle has **περικεφαλαίαν τοῦ**

σωτηρίου. Perhaps without attempting any minute application of the metaphor, we may still go so far as to recognize the common distinction of heart and head, the seat of the feelings and affections, and the seat of the intellect. Compare Philo *Leg. All.* i. § 22 i. p. 57, ed. Mangey.

The base of both passages is to be found in Isaiah lix. 17 ἐνεδύσατο δικαιοσύνην ὡς θώρακα καὶ περιέθετο περικεφαλαίαν σωτηρίου ἐπὶ τῆς κεφαλῆς. Compare also a kindred passage, Wisdom v. 17 sq λήμψεται πανοπλίαν τὸν ἔηλον αὐτοῦ, καὶ ὀπλοποιήσει τὴν κτίσιν εἰς ἄμυναν ἔχθρῶν. ἐνδύσεται θώρακα δικαιοσύνην καὶ περιθήσεται κόρυθα κρίσιν ἀντιόκριτον· λήμψεται ἀσπίδα ἀκαταμάχητον ὀσιότητα, ὁξεῖν δὲ ἀπότομον ὄργην εἰς ρομφαίαν κ.τ.λ. The language of St Paul is loosely imitated by Ignatius *Polyc.* 6, who says η̄ πίστις ὡς περικεφαλαία, η̄ ἀγάπη ὡς δόρυ, η̄ ὑπομονὴ ὡς πανοπλία κ.τ.λ., a passage which corresponds more closely to Ephes. vi. than to the verses under discussion.

On the mention of the triad of Christian virtues, and the position occupied by ἀλπὶς see the note on i. 3.

πίστεως καὶ ἀγάπης] For faith is not fulfilled except by love. For this connexion which exists between faith and love and thus accounts for their conjunction here, compare Gal. v. 6 πίστις δὶς ἀγάπης ἐνεργουμένη (with the note).

9. ὅτι] ‘which hope is reasonable, for God appointed us not to wrath etc.’

εἰς περιποίησιν σωτηρίας] This expression is capable of two interpretations.

First. It may mean ‘for the acquisition of salvation,’ i.e. that we may obtain salvation, the *περιποίησις* being regarded as our own act. This has the advantage of simplicity here, as also in 2 Thess. ii. 14, Heb. x. 39, in which latter passage perhaps it is necessary.

Secondly. It may be rendered ‘for the adoption of salvation,’ the *περιποίησις* being the act of God, and *σωτηρίας* signifying ‘which consists in salvation.’ In favour of this may be urged the almost technical sense which the words *περιποιεῖσθαι*, *περιποίησις* bear in the New Testament, being used to denote the act of God in purchasing, or setting apart, for Himself a peculiar people. Compare Acts xx. 28 τὴν ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἦν περιποίησατο διὰ τοῦ αἵματος τοῦ ἴδιου, 1 Pet. ii. 9 λαὸς εἰς περιποίησιν, and Ephes. i. 13, 14 ἐσφραγίσθητε...εἰς ἀπολύτρωσιν τῆς περιποίησεως (which passage is further useful as illustrating the use of the genitive *σωτηρίας* here, see the note). Thus *περιποίησις* is almost equivalent to ἐκλογή. See the Old Testament usage also, Isaiah xliii. 21 λαὸν μου ὃν περιεποιήσαμη, Mal. iii. 17 καὶ ἔσονται μοι...εἰς περιποίησιν. On the LXX. equivalent of ΠΛΕΩ, which is rendered by the two phrases εἰς περιποίησιν and περιούσιος, see the discussion on the words *περιούσιος*, *περιονιστασμὸς* in Appendix I. of the work *On a Fresh Revision of the English New Testament* p. 260 sq (3rd ed. 1891).

διὰ τοῦ Κυρίου κ.τ.λ.] to be taken with εἰς περιποίησιν σωτηρίας.

10. This verse is remarkable as enunciating the great Christian doctrine of the Redemption, to which elsewhere there is no allusion in the Epistles to the Thessalonians, though it forms the main subject of St Paul's teaching in the second chronological group of his Epistles. It is presented moreover, as it is there, in its double aspect: *first*, as implying an act on the part of Christ (*τοῦ ἀποθανόντος περὶ ἡμῶν*); and *secondly*, as involving the union of the believer with Christ (*ἴα...άμα σὺν αὐτῷ ζήσωμεν*). On this double aspect of the scheme of the Redemption, and on the position occupied by the doctrine in St Paul's teaching generally, see *Biblical Essays*, p. 229 sq.

Here the mention of it is important as showing that in his earliest writings this doctrine was present to St Paul's mind, though he has busied himself generally in these Epistles with other matters. It was not therefore, as has been maintained, an aftergrowth of his maturer reflections.

τοῦ ἀποθανόντος περὶ ἡμῶν] describing the means by which this salvation is obtained for us. As the preposition is *περὶ*, not *ἀντί*, the sense of a *vicarious* death cannot be insisted upon here. It is otherwise in 1 Tim. ii. 6 *δοὺς ἑαυτὸν ἀντίλυτρον ὑπὲρ πάντων*, where see the note. But the whole passage points to the death of Christ as being the one essential act by which eternal life was purchased for us. On the fundamental difference between *περὶ* and *ὑπὲρ* see the note on Gal. i. 4 *τοῦ δόντος ἑαυτὸν περὶ τῶν ἀμαρτιῶν ἡμῶν*. Here, as there, there is a strongly supported variant *ὑπέρ*; but *περὶ* is read by NB, and should be preferred.

εἴτε γρηγορῶμεν εἴτε καθεύδωμεν] i.e. 'whether we are alive or whether we are dead at the time of His appearing.' In these words St Paul again reverts to the difficulty felt by the Thessalonians relative to the dead (iv. 13) whence this whole paragraph arose. Thus the resemblance to Rom. xiv. 8 *ἔάν τε οὖν ζῶμεν, ἔάν τε ἀποθνήσκωμεν, τοῦ Κυρίου ἐσμέν* is rather one of expression than of substantial meaning.

Observe in *γρηγορῶμεν, καθεύδωμεν* an entirely different application of the metaphor from that which applied to ver. 6. It is not now of the spiritual slumber that the Apostle speaks, but of the slumber of death. See the extract from Photius quoted on iv. 14 *διὰ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ*.

εἴτε] The use of *εἴτε* with a subjunctive is extremely rare in Attic Greek, but becomes more common at a later epoch. A few authenticated instances may be produced from the New Testament: e.g. in the Pauline Epistles, Phil. iii. 11 *εἴ πως καταντήσω* (where see the note) and 1 Cor. xiv. 5 *ἔκτὸς εἰ μὴ διερμηνεύῃ*. In other alleged examples the future is probably to be read: e.g. Rom. i. 10, 1 Cor. ix. 11. Here however the subjunctive may perhaps be explained by a sort of attraction to the subjunctive *ζήσωμεν* of the clause on which this depends. See Moulton in Winer § xli. p. 368, who explains the passage here as I have done.

ἄμα σὺν αὐτῷ] 'together with Him.' 'Αμα can scarcely be separated from σὺν αὐτῷ: see the note on iv. 17.

11. διὸ] 'wherefore,' referring to the main lesson of the paragraph (iv. 13—v. 11) respecting the condition of the dead at the coming of the Christ. This lesson has been accidentally summed up in the concluding words of the preceding verse, ἵνα, εἴτε γρηγορῶμεν εἴτε καθεύδωμεν, ἀμα σὺν αὐτῷ ἥσωμεν.

παρακαλεῖτε] 'comfort,' not 'exhort,' this being in fact a reiteration of the precept in iv. 18.

οἰκοδομεῖτε] 'edify, build up,' as a temple for the Holy Spirit; see the note on 1 Cor. iii. 12. This metaphor runs throughout the different chronological groups of St Paul's Epistles, the figure of a temple being applied sometimes to the individual believer (1 Cor. vi. 19), sometimes to the collective church, each individual being a stone in the building (Ephes. ii. 20—22). The passage last cited well illustrates the metaphor: see the notes there.

εἰς τὸν θνάτον] Compare 1 Cor. iv. 6. It is a rather late, though not unclassical, expression for ἀλλήλους (iv. 18), than which however it is somewhat stronger. The earliest writer in whom any analogous expression seems to occur is Theocr. xxii. 65 εἰς ἐνὶ χείρας ἀειρόν. The passages cited by Winer (p. 217) from Herod. iv. 50, and by Ellicott *ad loc.* from Plat. Legg. i. p. 626c, are scarcely to the point. The occurrence however of the phrase in classical Greek shows that it is not sufficient to explain the expression here and 1 Cor. iv. 6 εἰς ὑπέρ τοῦ ἐνός as an Aramaism with Hoffmann (*Gramm. Syr.* III. p. 330) and others; though this may account for the kindred phrase, Ezek. xxiv. 23 παρακαλέσετε ἔκαστος τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, which is a translation of אַל אֲחִיךָ, and Jer. xxxi. (xxxviii.) 34, quoted in Heb. viii. 11.

καθὼς καὶ ποιεῖτε] Compare iv. 1, 10, where similar encouragement is given to the Thessalonians. St Paul again guards himself against seeming to rebuke, while he intends but to exhort.

iv. Exhortation to orderly living and the due performance of social duties (v. 12—15).

12. The thread of connexion with the last topic, though slender, may yet be traced. Having charged his converts to edify one another, the Apostle is reminded of those on whom the office of instruction especially devolved, and is led to speak of the duty of the whole body of Christians towards these their teachers. St Chrysostom however goes too far in representing the connexion with the preceding verses as one of contrast, as if St Paul would say, 'while you edify one another, do not usurp the functions of your appointed ministers.' Such an interpretation smacks rather of later ecclesiastical feeling, and is scarcely suited to the very primitive condition of the Thessalonian Church. The train of thought is rather a return to the subject of the restlessness of the Thessalonians connected with the immediate expectation of the Second Advent.

εἰδέναι] 'to know,' with a pregnant meaning, i.e. 'to see in their true character, to recognize the worth of, to appreciate, to value.' Compare the expression *εἰδέναι τὸν Θεόν*, *εἰδέναι τὸν πατέρα*, and with the same meaning as here 1 Cor. xvi. 18 *ἐπιγινώσκετε οὐν τοὺς τοιούτους*. This sense of 'appreciation' probably underlies the verb *εἰδέναι* in such passages as 1 Cor. ii. 2 οὐ γὰρ ἔκρινά τι *εἰδέναι* ἐν ὑμῖν εἰ μὴ Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν, and 12 ἵνα *εἰδῶμεν* τὰ ὑπὸ τοῦ Θεού χαρισθέντα ἡμῖν. A similar phrase is found in Ign. *Smyrn.* 9 καλῶς ἔχει Θεὸν καὶ ἐπίσκοπον *εἰδέναι*. The Hebrew verb *לִדְעֹה* is used in the same sense, e.g. Job ix. 21.

τοὺς κοπιῶντας...καὶ προϊσταμένους...καὶ νουθετοῦντας] The fact that the article is not repeated here before *προϊσταμένους* and *νουθετοῦντας* makes it probable that some single office is thus designated. If so, it can scarcely be any other than that of the presbytery, which would involve all the duties specified in *κοπιῶντας*, *προϊσταμένους*, *νουθετοῦντας*, Compare especially 1 Tim. v. 17 οἱ καλῶς *προεστῶτες πρεσβύτεροι διπλῆς τιμῆς ἀξιούσθωσαν*, μάλιστα οἱ *κοπιῶντες ἐν λόγῳ καὶ διδασκαλίᾳ*, (for there is no reason for supposing that the offices of ruling and of teaching were in separate hands), and the functions of the *ἐπίσκοποι* (i.e. *πρεσβύτεροι*) as described in 1 Timothy and Titus. See *Philippians* p. 194 sq on these twofold duties of the presbyters. It is probable also that St Paul intended to designate the presbytery collectively in Ephes. iv. 11 under the term *τοὺς δὲ ποιμένας καὶ διδασκάλους*, where again the article is not repeated before the second title. See the note on that passage, and compare Schaff *History of the Apostolic Church*, i. p. 134 sq (1876). It is much more likely that local officers, such as the presbyters, are here intended, than any other spiritual functionaries, such as prophets or evangelists (Ephes. iv. 11, 1 Cor. xii. 28).

We read of 'presbyters' in the church of Jerusalem, some seven or eight years before this time (Acts xi. 30). And on St Paul's first Apostolic journey we find him ordaining elders in every church (Acts xiv. 23), though these churches had been only recently founded during this same journey, and can have been in existence only a few months at most.

κοπιῶντας] is a general term, which is further explained by *προϊσταμένους ὑμῶν* and *νουθετοῦντας ὑμᾶς*, these two functions corresponding roughly to those assigned to the presbyters in Ephes. iv. 11 *ποιμένας καὶ διδασκάλους*, the duties namely of ruling and of teaching.

ἢ Κυρίῳ] to show that he is speaking here of their spiritual, not of their political rulers.

13. *καὶ ἡγεῖσθαι αὐτὸν κ.τ.λ.*] The sentence may be taken in two ways, according as *ἐν ἀγάπῃ* or *ὑπερεκπεριστοῦ* is attached to *ἡγεῖσθαι*—

(1) 'Ηγεῖσθαι *ἐν ἀγάπῃ*' 'to hold (or to esteem) in love.' This construction however is deficient in support. For Job xxxv. 2 τί *τοῦτο ἥγήσω* *ἐν κρίσει* is a parallel in form only and not in meaning, *ἥγησω* being there equivalent to 'cogitasti': and in Thuc. ii. 18 *ἐν ὅργῃ* *ἔχειν τινα* the parallelism vanishes in the difference of the verbs, for the real difficulty

here consists in attaching its proper significance to ἡγεῖσθαι ('to hold,' in the sense of 'to consider, regard') in connexion with ἐν ἀγάπῃ.

(2) 'Ηγεῖσθαι ὑπερεκπειστοῦ 'to esteem very highly'—in which case ἡγεῖσθαι assumes something more than a neutral meaning, and implies more or less the 'looking with favour upon.' Compare Thuc. ii. 42 τὸ ἀμύνεσθαι καὶ παθεῖν μᾶλλον ἡγησάμενοι ή τὸ ἐνδόντες σώζεσθαι 'preferring rather to suffer in self-defence etc.'; where, as here, ἡγεῖσθαι is found with an adverb. On the whole this interpretation is perhaps better than the former, but it were to be wished that other parallels could be produced.

εἰρηνεύετε ἐν ἑαυτοῖς] St Paul here glides off from special precepts into a general and comprehensive one. So below, ver. 14 μακροβυρεῖτε πρὸς πάντας, ver. 22 ἀπὸ παντὸς εἴδους πονηροῦ κ.τ.λ. Perhaps the correction *εἰρηνεύετε ἐν αὐτοῖς*, which has the support of ND and was read by Chrysostom and Theodoret, arose from not appreciating this fact, and from a desire to restrict the precept to the matter in hand. At all events it can scarcely mean what it is interpreted by some to mean : 'Be at peace in your intercourse with them' (διὰ τὸ ἔργον αὐτῶν εἰρηνεύετε ἐν αὐτοῖς Chrysostom, μὴ ἀντιλέγειν τοῖς παρ' αὐτῶν λεγομένοις Theodoret).

14. *παρακαλοῦμεν δὲ ὑμᾶς κ.τ.λ.*] The Greek commentators regard these exhortations as addressed to the presbyters ; but there is nothing in the form of the sentence to indicate this restriction. On the contrary the terms of the appeal are exactly the same as in ver. 12. Such a change of subject lays an undue stress on *ὑμᾶς*.

In illustration of the three special points in this exhortation, we may refer (1) for *νοοθετεῖτε τοὺς ἀράκτους* to 2 Thess. iii. 6, 11, and the note on iv. 11, where the nature of this *ἀταξία* is discussed ; (2) for *παραμυθεῖσθε τοὺς ὀλιγοψύχους* to iv. 13, 18, and (3) for *ἀντέχεσθε τῶν ἀσθενῶν* to iii. 3, 5 (see especially the note on *σαινεσθαι*). At the same time the exhortations do not apply to these alone ; for there could be other disorderly members, others faint-hearted, and others weak in the faith, besides those who are hinted at in these passages.

ἀτάκτους] is properly a military term, 'one who leaves his rank.' See the note on 2 Thess. iii. 6 *ἀτάκτως*.

ὅλιγοψύχους] Compare LXX. Is. lvii. 15 ; Eccl. vii. 10, Prov. xviii. 14.

ἀσθενῶν] i.e. the spiritually weak ; as in Rom. iv. 19 μὴ ἀσθενήσας τῇ πίστει, xiv. 1, 2, 1 Cor. viii. 7—12, ix. 22. For the difference between *ἀσθενῆς* and *πτωχὸς* see the note on Gal. iv. 9.

ἀντέχεσθε] 'lay hold of,' i.e. 'remain firm towards, stand by, give support to.' The word is used of the man who endeavours to serve two masters 'he will hold to the one' (ἐνὸς ἀνθέξεται Matt. vi. 24, Luke xvi. 13) : so of steadfastness to doctrine (Tit. i. 9).

15. For this passage compare Rom. xii. 17—19, 1 Pet. iii. 9. The repetition of the phrase *μὴ ἀποιδόνται κακὸν ἀντὶ κακοῦ* in all three passages would seem to point to some saying of our Lord as the original.

τὸ δίκαιόν] Not ‘what is absolutely good, good in a moral point of view,’ which would be **τὸ καλόν**; but what is beneficial, as opposed to **κακὸν** in the sense of injury or harm. See iii. 6, and the note on **ἀγαθὴν** there; also the contrast below, ver. 21 **τὸ καλὸν κατέχετε.**

εἰς ἀλλήλους καὶ εἰς πάντας] ‘to the Christian brotherhood and to mankind generally.’ Compare iii. 12, iv. 9 with the notes. On the heathen view of retaliation, of which the exhortation above is the direct denial, see Soph. *Antig.* 643, 4 **ως καὶ τὸν ἐχθρὸν ἀνταμύνωνται κακοῖς, καὶ τὸν φίλον τιμῶσιν ἐξ ἵσου πατρί.**

v. *Injunctions relating to prayer and spiritual matters
generally (v. 16—22).*

16. πάντοτε χαίρετε] This precept again may have been suggested by the preceding, though the connexion between the two is not very close. The maxim of universal well-doing just enunciated leads the Apostle’s thoughts to the frame of mind which naturally results from it.

There is something startling in the command **πάντοτε χαίρετε.** It is strange that the disciples of Him, Who was preeminently ‘a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief,’ should be bidden to ‘rejoice always.’ Yet ‘joy’ is elsewhere no less distinctly attributed to the Christian character—‘joy in the Holy Ghost’ (Rom. xiv. 17). Admitted to a fuller insight into the dispensations of providence, the Christian sees the token of God’s goodness in all things, even in persecution and sickness. This is a never-failing source of joy to him. On the other hand, it may be said no less truly that sorrow is especially the Christian’s heritage. For with a fuller sense of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, of the fearful significance of death, he has more abundant matter for sorrow in the scenes amidst which he moves, than those whose convictions are less deep. Yet the two attitudes are not antagonistic. They may, and do, coexist. How much of the purest joy is mingled with the most heartfelt sorrow in the higher types of Christian mourning! On this injunction to rejoice see further on Phil. ii. 18, iii. 1, iv. 4.

17. ἀδιαλείπτως προσεύχεσθε] It is not in the moving of the lips, but in the elevation of the heart to God, that the essence of prayer consists. Thus amidst the commonest duties and recreations of life it is still possible to be engaged in prayer. And in this sense the command to pray without ceasing must receive its noblest and most real fulfilment; for though from a necessary condition of our nature the duty of expressing our aspirations to God in words is laid upon us, yet this is only as a means to an end or as the letter to the spirit. It is in the spirit alone that it is possible to ‘pray without ceasing.’ Origen remarks characteristically, **περὶ εὐχῆς 12, ἀδιαλείπτως προσεύχεται...οἱ συνάπτων τοῖς δέονσιν ἔργοις τὴν εὐχὴν καὶ τῇ εὐχῇ τὰς πρεπούσας πράξεις, οὕτω γὰρ μόνως τὸ ἀδιαλείπτως**

προσεύχεσθε ἐκδέξασθαι δυνάμεθα ὡς δυνατὸν ὃν εἰρημένον, εἰ πάντα τὸν βίον τοῦ ἀγίου μίαν συναπτομένην μεγάλην εἴπομεν εὐχῆν κ.τ.λ. See the whole passage, and compare Tertullian *de Oratione*, 29.

ἀδιαλείπτως] This adverb occurs above, i. 2, ii. 13, and Rom. i. 9 : the adjective, Rom. ix. 2, 2 Tim. i. 3. Both are peculiar to St Paul in New Testament writings. The adverb however is found four times in the Maccabees (e.g. 1 Macc. xii. 11, 2 Macc. iii. 26), and there only of the LXX. The form, which is a late one, occurs in Plutarch more than once, e.g. *ad Apoll.* 10 (p. 106 E), 37 (121 E), the adverb being frequently applied to military attack, e.g. Josephus *B. J.* v. 6. 4, 7. 2 etc. St Paul's employment of the words made them popular in early Christian writings, and the expression ἀδιαλείπτως προσεύχεσθαι is found in Ignatius (*Eph.* 10, comp. *Polyc.* 1 προσευχᾶς σχόλαζε ἀδιαλείπτοις) and Hermas (*Sim.* ix. 11. 7 ἀδιαλείπτως προσηγόρισμην).

18. **ἐν παντὶ εὐχαριστεῖτε]** ‘in every thing give thanks’; for there is no event of our lives, which has not its bright side as well as its dark ; no incident which may not be turned to good account, and therefore nothing for which we have not reason to thank God, if we view it in a right spirit.

This is one form of St Paul's constant practice of referring all our thoughts and actions, all the dispensations of providence, to the glory of God, as their ultimate end and aim : e.g. Rom. xv. 6, 7, 1 Cor. x. 31, Ephes. i. 6, 12, 14. For what is thanksgiving but a recognition of His Majesty, and a tribute to His divine power? This is St Paul's view markedly in 2 Cor. iv. 15, ix. 11, 12. On *εὐχαριστεῖν* see the note on i. 2.

τοῦτο γὰρ] It is difficult to decide whether *τοῦτο* refers to the three preceding precepts, or to the last only. But as these three precepts are so closely connected together both in form and in purport, it is perhaps better to include them all under *τοῦτο*.

ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦν] ‘For the will of God is manifested in Christ, not only by His life and death in the flesh, but also because through Him all God's government of the world (whether moral or physical) is carried on.’ See John i. 3, 18.

εἰς ὑμᾶς] ‘to you-ward.’

19. **τὸ πνέuma μὴ σβέννυτε]** Having dwelt on duties which are especially of a spiritual character, St Paul naturally turns to speak of the obligations of his converts to the Holy Spirit generally.

It has been thought strange however that the exhortation not to ‘quench the Spirit’ should be needed. On the contrary, much more danger might reasonably be apprehended from an unchastened enthusiasm in the first flush of their devotion to the Gospel. To meet this difficulty it is supposed that a reaction had taken place among the more sober-minded against the spiritual *ἀράξια* which beset the Church, and that among such there was a disposition to disregard the gifts of the Spirit.

It is perhaps better however to give the exhortation a wider significance. We need not assume a direct reference to the special manifestations (*χαρίσματα*) of the Apostolic age. The meaning may well be: ‘Quench not the Spirit, whether by carelessness, or hardness of heart, or immorality.’ Compare Ephes. iv. 30 καὶ μὴ λυπεῖτε τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἄγιον τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἐν φέρανται στήθητε κ.τ.λ. In this case we need not seek to account for the precept in any special circumstances of the Thessalonian Church, and we may compare the Apostle’s injunction to Timothy ἀναμνήσκω σε ἀναζωπυρεῖν τὸ χάρισμα τοῦ Θεοῦ (2 Tim. i. 6). Bengel’s view is not quite clear. He begins: ‘τὸ πνεῦμα *spiritum* i.e. charismata.’ In the next note however he appears to give a wider interpretation to the metaphor: ‘spiritus, ubi est, ardet: ideo non extinguedus, nec in nobis, nec in aliis.’

20. From the general mention of the Spirit, the Apostle passes on to speak of one of the special gifts of the Spirit.

προφῆτες μὴ ξουθενεῖτε] It would seem that there was the same tendency among the Thessalonians to underrate ‘prophecy’ in comparison with other more striking gifts of the Spirit, which St Paul condemns in writing to the Corinthians. See especially 1 Cor. xiv. 1 ζηλοῦτε τὰ πνευματικά, μᾶλλον δὲ ἵνα προφητεύητε, 2—5, 22, 24, 25, 39.

In the words *πρόφημι*, *προφήτης*, *προφητεία* etc., according to their classical usage, the meaning is that of *forth-telling* rather than of *fore-telling*. The *προφήτης* was one who pronounced or enunciated to men the will or command of the deity whose minister he was. Though he might at times be charged with the prediction of future events, as the manifestation of that will, and thus be a ‘prophet’ in the common acceptance of the term, still this was only an accident of his office. The Hebrew term *nabi* (which is translated by *προφήτης* in the LXX.) originally signified nothing more, though the idea of prediction is most frequently associated with it. See Gesenius s. v. נָבִי and especially Stanley’s *Jewish Church* (first series), Lecture xix. p. 415 sq. In the New Testament the notion of foretelling is kept in the background; rarely appearing (as Acts xi. 28 of Agabus), except in reference to the prophets of the Old Dispensation. When any of these words are used by St Paul of the special gift of the Spirit, there is not the slightest allusion to the anticipation of future events. ‘Prophesying’ is closely connected with ‘praying’ (1 Cor. xi. 4, 5). ‘He that prophesieth, speaketh unto men edification and exhortation and comfort’ (*ib.* xiv. 3). The conviction of sin, the manifestation of the secrets of the heart, are attributed to this gift as its work (*ib.* xiv. 24, 25). Prophecy is in short the impassioned and inspired utterance of the deep things of God.

The Greek *προφητεία* is sometimes rendered in the Authorized Translation by ‘prophecy,’ sometimes by ‘prophesying.’ In this passage all the early English Versions seem to have ‘prophesyings.’ And the word would convey quite the correct idea, as it was used in the English of the

time. The religious revivals or ‘prophesyings’ of the reign of Elizabeth are a matter of history, and Taylor’s *Liberty of Prophesyng* is a storehouse of information as regards the interpretations put upon the word and idea in his own and in earlier times.

21. πάντα δὲ δοκιμάζετε] ‘yet at the same time prove, test, all things’: i.e. ‘do not be led away by counterfeits.’ The disjunctive particle δὲ is almost necessary for the sense; and, where omitted, as in A&E, may have been absorbed in the following syllable.

‘The simple fact of a preternatural inspiration is not enough to establish the claims of a spirit to be heard. There are inspirations from below as well as from above.’ With such a conviction at least the injunction here is given, and St John says more explicitly μὴ παντὶ πνεύματι πιστεύετε, ἀλλὰ δοκιμάζετε τὰ πνεύματα εἰ ἐκ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἔστιν, ὅτι πολλοὶ ψευδοπροφῆται ἔξεληλύθασιν εἰς τὸν κόσμον (1 John iv. 1). And such also is the universal language of the early Church in relation to spiritual manifestations. Witness the case of miracles to which Justin Martyr makes allusion (*Apol.* I. § 14, *Trypho* §§ 7, 69, 85).

The test, of which St Paul speaks here, however, is not that of an intellectual criticism or a balance of evidences. He is contemplating not so much a logical as a spiritual criterion. It is by a spiritual standard that things spiritual are to be tried (*πνευματικοῖς πνευματικὰ συνκρίνοντες* 1 Cor. ii. 13 and see the whole passage in which this expression is embedded). The discrimination of spirits (*διάκρισις πνευμάτων*) was no less a spiritual gift of the Spirit than ‘prophesying’ (*προφητεία*) itself. See 1 Cor. xii. 10.

πάντα] Not πάντα τὰ πνεύματα ‘all spirits,’ or πάντα τὰ τῆς προφητείας ‘all kinds of prophesyings’; but ‘all things whatsoever,’ for a general precept is required to introduce the following words τὸ καλὸν κατέχετε, ἀπὸ παντὸς εἴδους πονηροῦ ἀπέχεσθε. The sentence might be paraphrased thus: ‘Quench not the Spirit, nor despise prophesyings: but on the other hand do not rashly give heed without testing them. In fact test all things. This is an universal law from which spiritual experiences are not exempt.’ The possibility of a *ψευδοπροφητεία* (see Chrysostom) is alluded to also in the Second Epistle (2 Thess. ii. 2 μήτε διὰ πνεύματος μήτε διὰ λόγου μήτε δι’ ἐπιστολῆς ὡς δι’ ἡμῶν). Thus the admonition, though called forth to meet the special case of spirits, assumes a general form.

δοκιμάζετε] ‘test,’ a metaphor probably derived from assaying precious metal, as the word is frequently used in this sense; e.g. Isocrates *Panathen.* p. 240 D τὸν χρυσὸν θεωροῦμεν καὶ δοκιμάζομεν ἔτερα παραδεικνύοντες. The metaphorical use also is classical; e.g. Plato *Resp.* viii. p. 546 E ἄρχοντες οὐ πάντι φυλακικοὶ καταστήσονται πρὸς τὸ δοκιμάζειν τὰ Ἡσιόδου τε καὶ τὰ παρ’ ὑμῖν γένη, χρυσοῦν τε καὶ δρυγυροῦν καὶ χαλκοῦν καὶ σιδηροῦν, Xen. *Cyrop.* viii. 4. 30 etc. From this notion of ‘proving’ come the further ideas of ‘approval’ (Plutarch *Mor.* p. 18 F ταῦτα οὐκ ἐπαινοῦντες οὐδὲ δοκιμάζοντες),

of ‘choice, selection’ (Plut. *de Instit.* p. 3 D σπουδαῖος τίτθας δοκιμαστέον ἔστι), and of ‘expression of an opinion’ (Thuc. ii. 35 ἐπειδὴ τοῖς πάλαι οὐτως ἐδοκιμάσθη ταῦτα καλῶς ἔχειν). All these senses, except the last, occur in the New Testament (see Trench *N. T. Syn.* § lxxiv. p. 278 sq.); viz. ‘testing’ (1 Cor. iii. 13), ‘approving’ (1 Thess. ii. 4), ‘choosing’ (Rom. i. 28); and there is perhaps a further sense of ‘allowing, suffering’ (Rom. xiv. 22). See the note on ii. 4 δεδοκιμάσμεθα.

The passage under consideration has been not inaptly connected by early Christian writers with the saying traditionally attributed to our Lord, though not contained in the canonical Gospels, γίνεσθε δόκιμοι τραπεζῖται, a saying which is well supported by external testimony and bears in itself the marks of genuineness (see Westcott, *Introduction to the Study of the Gospels*, p. 453 sq. ed. 5). The one passage is rarely quoted without the other, and the two were so closely associated in the mind of early writers that Dionysius of Alexandria for instance (in Euseb. vii. 7) quotes the second as an ‘apostolic saying’ (ἀποστολικῆ φωνῆ), and Cyril of Alexandria (*Com. in Isai.* iii. 4, p. 56) cites it as from St Paul γίνεσθε δόκιμοι τραπεζῖται πάντα δοκιμάζετε, τὸ καλὸν κατέχετε (and so again *Com. in Johan.* lib. iv. ch. v. p. 407, though not *op. cit.* lib. iv. ch. iii. p. 374). In the same way Clement of Alexandria (*Strom.* i. 28. 177, p. 425 Potter), though he does not name the author, connects it with the context here. Basil also (*Com. in Isai.* v. 20, p. 503) with an obvious reminiscence of the saying writes δοκίμοι τραπεζῖτον (ἔστι) τὸ καλὸν κατέχειν ἀπὸ δὲ παντὸς εἴδους πονηροῦ ἀπέχεσθαι, deriving the context from this epistle: compare also in *princ. Proverb.* § 6, p. 103, where 1 Thess. v. is again quoted. So too Athanasius (*Hom. in Matth.* xxi. 8, II. p. 662), Ambrose (*Com. in Luc.* i. 1, p. 1265) and others. Cyril of Jerusalem also (*Catech.* vi. 36), who converts it into the singular γίνου δόκιμος τραπεζῖτης, continues in the language of the Epistle τὸ καλὸν κατέχων ἀπὸ παντὸς εἴδους πονηροῦ ἀπεχόμενος. On the other hand, Origen ascribes the saying to our Lord by name and connects it with St Paul’s teaching (*in Evang. Johan.* xix. II. p. 153 ed. Lommatzsch), τηρούντων τὴν ἐντολὴν Ἰησοῦ λέγουσαν Δόκιμοι τραπεζῖται γίνεσθε· καὶ τὴν Παύλου διδαχὴν φάσκοντος Πάντα δοκιμάζετε, τὸ καλὸν κατέχετε, ἀπὸ παντὸς εἴδους πονηροῦ ἀπέχεσθε, and he is followed in this ascription by Cassianus (*Collat.* i. 20, p. 186), Cæsarius and others. Epiphanius (*Haer.* xliv. 2, p. 382) gives Apelles as his authority for the attribution of the saying to our Lord; while in the *Pistis Sophia* the utterance is our Lord’s to the Virgin Mary, but it is followed as usual by the Pauline admonition ‘bonum suscipe, malum ejicite’ (ed. Schwartz and Petermann 1851, p. 353). In the *Clementine Homilies* it is quoted no less than three times (*Clem. Hom.* ii. 51, iii. 50, xviii. 20), and in every case is ascribed to our Lord by the interlocutor St Peter; in the Syriac *Didascalia Apostolorum* edited by Lagarde (p. 42) it is included among the admonitions to bishops, and it reappears in the *Apostolical Constitutions* (ii. 36).

τὸ καλὸν κατέχετε] ‘hold fast the good.’ The metaphor of assaying coin, which was discernible in δοκιμάζετε, is not to be pressed upon these or the following words. The expression is quite general, and none of the terms used have any connexion with money.

Τὸ καλὸν is used in Aristotle in two distinct senses arising from the twofold aspect of the word physical and moral; e.g. Arist. *Rhet.* i. 7. 24, p. 1364 τὸ καλὸν ἔστιν ὅτοι τὸ ἡδὺ ἢ τὸ καθ' αὐτὸν αἰρετόν. In the moral aspect of the word, with which alone we are concerned here, it differs from τὸ ἀγαθὸν in that it regards the good in itself, τὸ ἀγαθὸν rather in its results, Arist. *Rhet.* i. 9. 3, p. 1366 καλὸν ἔστιν ὃ ἀν δι' αὐτὸν αἰρετὸν ὃν ἐπαινετὸν ή. Contrast with this Plato *Hipp. Major* 296 Ε τοῦ ἀγαθοῦ ἄρ' αἰτιῶν ἔστι τὸ καλὸν and the whole passage. This distinction between the two adjectives is common in the classics; e.g. Xen. *Memor.* iii. 5. 28 καὶ σοι καλὸν ἔσται καὶ τῇ πόλει ἀγαθὸν. Hence the definition of the two qualities which combined make up the true gentleman (*τὸν καλὸν κἀγαθόν*), where τὸ μὲν καλὸς ἐπὶ τῆς ἐν σώματι ὥρας· τὸ δὲ ἀγαθὸς ἐπὶ τῆς ἐν ψυχῇ (Suidas) has no application here.

Perhaps it is not merely idle fancy to dwell on the change of expression from τὸ καλὸν ‘the good’ to παντὸς εἴδους πονηροῦ ‘every evil form, or every form of evil’; for ‘the good’ is one and the same essentially, while vice is manifold and variable. The change would suggest itself instinctively to the writer. Comp. Arist. *Eth. Nic.* ii. § 5, IX. p. 32 ἔτι τὸ μὲν ἁμαρτάνειν πολλαχῶς ἔστιν (τὸ γὰρ κακὸν τοῦ ἀπέιρου, ὡς οἱ Πυθαγόρειοι εἴκαζον, τὸ δὲ ἀγαθὸν τοῦ πεπερασμένου), τὸ δὲ κατορθῶν μοναχῶς.

22. ἀπὸ παντὸς εἴδους πονηροῦ] In the interpretation of this phrase two questions arise; *first*, what is the meaning of εἴδους, and *secondly*, is πονηροῦ to be taken as an adjective with εἴδους, or as a substantive after it? As the answer to the first question seems to depend in some measure on the solution of the second, the second will best be considered first. The absence of the article before πονηροῦ is in itself no argument against the word being taken substantively. Compare Plato *Resp.* ii. 358 C τρίτον εἶδος ἀγαθοῦ, Heb. v. 14 πρὸς διάκρισιν καλοῦ τε καὶ κακοῦ, Gen. ii. 9. But though πονηροῦ might without offence be taken as equivalent to πονηρίας in the expression πᾶν εἴδος πονηροῦ, the case is somewhat different in παντὸς εἴδους πονηροῦ where such a construction would sever πονηροῦ from the preceding genitive with which we instinctively connect it. Πονηροῦ is therefore probably an adjective with εἴδους. For the order compare Rom. iii. 4 πᾶς ἀνθρώπος ψεύστης, Ephes. i. 3 ἐν πάσῃ εὐλογίᾳ πνευματικῇ, iv. 29, 1 Tim. v. 10, 2 Tim. ii. 21, iii. 16, 17, Tit. i. 16, iii. 1, and especially 2 Tim. v. 18 ρύσεται με ὁ Κύριος ἀπὸ παντὸς ἔργου πονηροῦ. For the first part of the expression *Epist. Vien. et Lyon.* πᾶν εἴδος ὀνειδισμοῦ (Routh R. S. I. p. 296). On the whole question of the use of [ό] πονηρὸς in the New Testament see Appendix II. ‘on the Last Petition of the Lord’s Prayer’ printed in *A Fresh Revision of the English New Testament*, 3rd ed., 1891, p. 269 sq., especially p. 277 where this passage is referred to.

Εἴδος may mean either (1) ‘the outward form,’ ‘that which is presented to view,’ ‘appearance’; in this sense without any notion of unreality, comp. Luke iii. 22, ix. 29, John v. 37, and so probably 2 Cor. v. 7, *διὰ πίστεως...οὐ διὰ εἴδους*. Or it may mean (2) ‘appearance,’ i.e. semblance, as opposed to the reality, as the E. V. seems to take it, i.e. not only were they to abstain from any actual evil, but from anything which men might consider evil, and which might thus give offence, see 2 Cor. viii. 21 *προνοοῦμεν γὰρ καλὰ οὐ μόνον ἐνώπιον Κυρίου ἀλλὰ καὶ ἐνώπιον ἀνθρώπων*. This interpretation however lays a stress upon *εἴδους* which there is perhaps nothing in the context to justify. (3) We may translate the word ‘sort, kind, species,’ comparing Joseph. *Ant.* x. 3. I *πᾶν εἶδος πονηρίας* and the passage from the letter of the Churches of Vienne and Lyons quoted above. *Εἶδος* will thus be used in its very frequent quasi-philosophical sense; for it would be absurd to assign to the word here its strictly technical meaning of ‘species’ as opposed to ‘genus’ (see Grote, *Plato* II. 467). In support of the first interpretation is the fact that it is more in accordance with the usage of *εἶδος* elsewhere in the New Testament; and if *πονηροῦ* is to be taken as an adjective, this seems to be decisive in its favour, at least as against the last of the three alternatives.

23. *αὐτὸς δὲ ὁ Θεὸς*] ‘Yet without God all your strivings will be in vain: therefore I pray that God Himself may interpose to sanctify you.’ The particle *δὲ* recalls the minds of his hearers to the true Author and Source of all spiritual progress. For the expression see the note on iii. 11.

τῆς εἰρήνης] God is further specified as the God of peace, inasmuch as peace is the end and fulfilment of all blessings.

ὅλοτελεῖς] This word is sometimes taken as equivalent to *ὅλος*, in the sense of ‘every part of you.’ But though *ὑμᾶς ὅλος* might bear this meaning, it will not apply equally well to *ὑμᾶς ὅλοτελεῖς*, for *ὅλοτελεῖς* not only implies entirety (which exhausts the meaning of *ὅλος*), but involves the further idea of completion. It is therefore better to consider *ὅλοτελεῖς* as proleptic, in the sense of *ὡστε ὅλοτελεῖς εἶναι* ‘may He sanctify you so that ye be entire,’ in a qualitative rather than a quantitative sense. The connexion with what follows is then: ‘May God not only make you perfect, but keep you so.’ *Ολοτελεῖς* occurs in Plut. *Mor.* 909 B, and *ὅλοτελῶς* in Aquila’s version of Deut. xiii. 17.

ὅλοκληρον] The distinction between this word and *τέλειος* is traced by Trench *N. T. Syn.* § xxii. p. 74 sq. The two adjectives occur together in James i. 4. While *ὅλοκληρος* denotes the presence of all the parts, *τέλειος* signifies the full development, perfect growth of the whole. Like *τέλειος* the epithet *ὅλοκληρος* is applied especially to sacrifices; e.g. Philo *de Vict.* § 4 (II. p. 240 ed. Mangey) *θυσίαν ὅλοκλήρῳ καὶ παντελῇ (θεῷ) μηδὲν ἐπιφέρομένη τῆς θυητῆς φιλαντίας ὅλοκληρον καὶ παντελή*, *ib.* § 14, p. 250 *ὅλοκληρον καὶ παντελή διάθεσιν, ἥς ή ὅλοκαντος θυσία σύμβολον, de Agricult.* § 29, I. p. 320, *Cherub.* § 28, in all of which passages *ὅλοκληρος* and *παντελῆς* occur

together. So also *de Vict. Off.* § 1, II. p. 251 and Plato *Tim.* 44 C ὁλόκληρος, ἵνα τε παντελῶς, and doubtless St Paul had here also the image of a sacrifice in his mind. Compare Rom. xii. 1.

'Ολόκληρον is to be taken with *τηρηθείη* 'be preserved entire'; not as the E. V. 'your whole spirit,' which is objectionable both on account of the order of the words and also as identifying ὁλόκληρον in meaning with ὅλον.

The epithet, though applying to the three substantives by a sort of attraction, agrees with the first only. This peculiarity of construction, together with the fact of the singular verb *τηρηθείη*, expresses the integrity of each part separately.

τὸ πνεῦμα καὶ ἡ ψυχὴ καὶ τὸ σῶμα] Human nature is most frequently spoken of in the New Testament as consisting of two parts—the flesh, or body, and the soul, or spirit—i.e. the material and the immaterial part. Thus, for example, in Matt. x. 28 the opposition is *σῶμα*, *ψυχή*; in Rom. viii. 10, 13, I Cor. v. 3, vii. 34, James ii. 26 *σῶμα*, *πνεῦμα*; in 2 Cor. vii. 1, Matt. xxvi. 41, John vi. 63, Rom. i. 3, viii. 4 sq., I Cor. v. 5, Gal. iii. 3, v. 16 sq., vi. 8, Col. ii. 5, I Pet. iii. 18 *σὰρξ* and *πνεῦμα*; in Rom. vii. 25 *σὰρξ* and *νοῦς*. But sometimes, as here, a tripartite division is recognized, *σῶμα*, *ψυχὴ* and *πνεῦμα*; the immaterial part being subdivided into the lower part, *ψυχὴ*, including the feelings, impulses etc., and the ruling faculty, the *πνεῦμα* (sometimes *νοῦς*), by which alone communication is maintained with God. *Ψυχὴ* and *πνεῦμα* are distinguished in Hebr. iv. 12 ἃχρι μερισμοῦ *ψυχῆς* καὶ *πνεύματος* (see also Phil. i. 27), and *ψυχικὸς* is markedly opposed to *πνευματικὸς* as the natural to the spiritual in I Cor. ii. 14 sq., xv. 44—46. And not in St Paul only; compare also James iii. 15, οὐκ...ἡ σοφία ἀνωθεν κατερχομένη ἀλλ' ἐπίγειος, *ψυχική*, Jude 19 οὗτοι εἰσιν *ψυχικοί*, *πνεῦμα* μὴ ἔχοντες: and in the Old Testament, Eccl. v. 2 μὴ ἔξακολούθει τῇ *ψυχῇ* σου καὶ τῇ *ἰσχύᾳ* σου, τοῦ πορεύεσθαι ἐν ἐπιθυμίᾳς *καρδίας* σου, and xviii. 30.

Such a threefold division of the nature of man is not peculiar to Christianity. It appears in the heathen philosophers, as for instance in Plato *Timaeus* 30 B νοῦν μὲν ἐν *ψυχῇ*, *ψυχὴν* δὲ ἐν *σώματι* ἔνιστας τὸ πᾶν ἔννεπετκταίνετο (ὁ θεός), and in the Neoplatonists as Plotinus (see Nemesius ap. Wetstein); and in the Stoics (see Marc. Anton. iii. 16 *σῶμα*, *ψυχὴ*, *νοῦς*: *σώματος αἰσθήσεις*, *ψυχῆς ὄρμαι*, *νοῦ δόγματα κ.τ.λ.*).

It was familiar also to Jewish speculators, whether of the Rabbinical type or of the Alexandrian School. See Eisenmenger's *Entdecktes Judenthum* I., p. 887, cited by Ellicott. Philo indeed sometimes speaks of human nature as twofold, body and soul (or mind), e.g. *Leg. Alleg.* iii. § 55, I. p. 119 M. δύο ἐστὶν ἐξ ὧν συνέσταμεν, *ψυχὴ* τε καὶ *σῶμα* κ.τ.λ.; sometimes he subdivides the soul into three parts after Plato, the *λογικόν*, the *θυμικὸν* and the *ἐπιθυμητικὸν* (*λόγος* or *νοῦς*, *θυμός*, *ἐπιθυμία*), e.g. *Leg. Alleg.* i. §§ 22, 23, I. pp. 57, 58 (where there is a reference to Plato's chariot in the *Phædo*), *de Concupisc.* § 2, II. p. 350; sometimes he makes

four elements of man's nature, *de Somn.* i. § 5, I. p. 624 *σῶμα, αἰσθητός, λόγος, νοῦς*. But he frequently considers the soul as composed of two parts, *de Vict.* § 5, II. p. 241 *τὸ μὲν λογικὸν τῆς ἀρρένος γενεᾶς ἔστιν, ὅπερ νοῦς καὶ λογισμὸς κεκλήρωται, τὸ δὲ ἄλογον τῆς γυναικῶν, ὅπερ ἐλαχεῖν αἰσθητός*. The same is essentially the division in *Fragm.* II. p. 668 M., though confusedly stated there. This would make human nature threefold. The division however is not exactly the same as in St Paul, inasmuch as *αἰσθητός* could scarcely fall under *ψυχή*, but under *σῶμα* as in Marc. Anton. I. c. On Philo see Gfrörer *Philo* I. c. xii. p. 373 sq. and Dähne *Gesch. Darstell. d. jüd. alexr. Relig. Philos.* I. p. 317 sq.

We are not surprised to find that this threefold organization, sanctioned by such scriptural authority, was generally recognized by the Early Fathers. See especially Iren. v. 6 and Origen *Comm. in Joann.* ii. p. 433 ed. Lommatzsch and other passages cited by Ellicott, pp. 169, 170. On the use to which Origen applied it see Neander, *Church History* II. p. 365 sq. (Bohn). When Apollinaris made it subservient to his own heresy (see Neander IV. p. 101), it began to be looked upon with disfavour.

On the whole question see Ellicott's *Sermons* v. and notes, Delitzsch *Psychology*, English version, p. 109 sq., Beck *Bibl. Seelenl.*, *Introduction to the Epistles by a Bishop's Chaplain*, p. 88, Trench *N. T. Syn.* § lxxi., and especially Olshausen *de naturae humanae trichotomia* given in his *Opusc.* p. 157.

Even if it be granted that the Apostle here had no intention of laying down a metaphysical distinction, yet still less are the words here to be treated as a mere rhetorical expression. The spirit, which is the ruling faculty in man and through which he holds communication with the unseen world—the soul, which is the seat of all his impulses and affections, the centre of his personality—the body, which links him to the material world and is the instrument of all his outward deeds—these all the Apostle would have presented perfect and intact in the day of the Lord's coming.

ἀμέμπτως] is added to strengthen *ὅλοκληρον τηρηθείν* ‘be preserved entire beyond the reach of complaint.’ *Μέμφεσθαι* (differing from *ψέγειν*) signifies properly ‘to find fault with,’ i.e. ‘to blame as defective,’ and thus *ἀμέμπτως* is appropriately used to define *ὅλοκληρον*.

ἐν τῇ παρουσίᾳ] The preposition *ἐν*, where *εἰς* might be expected, is probably to be explained by a brachylogy, ‘be preserved entire and be found so in the day etc.’ Cf. I Cor. xi. 18 *συνερχομένων ὑμῶν ἐν ἐκκλησίᾳ*.

24. *πιστὸς ὁ καλῶν ὑμᾶς κ.τ.λ.*] ‘The fact that you were called by God to a knowledge of the Gospel should be an assurance to you that He is ready to sanctify and perfect you to the coming of the Lord. If His first work is rendered fruitless, it must be in spite of Him.’

ὁ καλῶν ὑμᾶς] ‘your caller,’ *ὁ καλῶν*, not *ὁ καλέσας*, because the Apostle

is dwelling rather on the person, than on the act. See the similar expression in Gal. v. 8 (with the note).

δε καὶ ποιήσει] ‘who besides calling you will also do it.’ The meaning of **ποιήσει** is to be sought in the whole sentence from ἀγάπαται ὑμᾶς to τηρηθεῖν.

4. PERSONAL INJUNCTIONS AND BENEDICTION, v. 25—28.

25. This and the remaining verses form a sort of postscript to the Epistle. See the note on **τὴν ἐπιστολὴν** ver. 27. It is questioned whether vv. 26, 27 are addressed to the whole Thessalonian Church, or to the Elders only. This will depend in part on the meaning assigned to **πάντες οἱ ἀδελφοί** in these verses. If it is restricted to the Christians who were in the habit of assembling at Thessalonica, as in the case of the Colossian Epistle which was to be read by the Laodiceans (Col. iv. 16), then the injunction must be addressed to the Elders only; if it signifies the whole body of Christians, then the entire church of Thessalonica may be addressed. But the latter interpretation of **πάντες οἱ ἀδελφοί** seems to be excluded by **ἐν φιλήματι ἀγίῳ** (ver. 26), which implies personal intercourse. Thus then, though there is no notification of the restriction, **ἀσπάσασθε, ἐνορκίζω ὑμᾶς** must refer solely to those to whom the letter was directly sent, i.e. probably the Elders. See verse 12.

26. **ἀσπάσασθε κ.τ.λ.**] The expression, as found elsewhere, is slightly different, **ἀσπάσασθε ἀλλήλους ἐν φιλήματι ἀγίῳ** (Rom. xvi. 16, 1 Cor. xvi. 20, 2 Cor. xiii. 12) or **ἐν φιλήματι ἀγάπης** (1 Pet. v. 14); but in all these passages it occurs in close juxtaposition with personal salutations sent from the writer, or from his friends, to the Church addressed or to individual members of it. This fact perhaps points to a pregnant meaning in the expression as used here. ‘Salute all the brethren *from me* with a holy kiss, and let this kiss be a token of brotherly love among yourselves.’ There seems to be no direct reference to any liturgical rite, though the kiss of love would naturally be exchanged on the first day of the week, when they met together for prayer and for celebrating the Holy Communion. Hence it is not surprising that the ‘holy kiss,’ thus accidentally connected with it in the first instance, should in the next age be incorporated in the eucharistic ceremony. See Justin Mart. *Apol.* i. 65 ἀλλήλους φιλήματι ἀσπαζόμεθα πανσάμενοι τῶν εὐχῶν, Tertull. *de Orat.* 18 ‘osculum pacis, quod est signaculum orationis,’ and *ad Uxor.* ii. 4, *Const. Apost.* ii. 57 τὸ ἐν Κυρίῳ φιλημα and viii. 11. Comp. Cyril of Jerusalem *Catech.* xxiii., *Myst.* v. 3, Chrysost. *passim* e.g. Hom. xx. *in Matth.* p. 205, Clem. Alex. *Paedag.* iii. 11, § 81 (p. 301 ed. Potter) ἀγάπη δὲ οὐκ ἐν φιλήματι ἀλλ’ ἐν εὐνοίᾳ κρίνεται· οἱ δὲ οὐδὲν ἀλλ’ ἡ φιλήματι καταψοφοῦσι τὰς ἐκκλησίας τὸ φιλοῦν ἔνδον οὐκ ἔχοντες αὐτὸν

evident allusion to this custom. See on its use in the Eucharist Bingham *Ant.* viii. 10. 9, xv. 3. 3, and Stanley on 1 Cor. xvi. 20. It was also given at baptisms (Bingham xii. 4. 5), at the ordination of bishops (Bingham ii. 11. 10) and priests (Bingham ii. 19. 17), and at espousals (Bingham xxii. 3. 6).

27. It has been found difficult to account for the strength of the Apostle's language here. The explanation is perhaps to be sought, not in any supposed differences existing between the Elders and the laity of the Thessalonian Church (comp. vv. 12, 13) which might lead to the suppression of the letter; but in a sort of presentiment or suspicion, which St Paul may be supposed to have entertained, that a wrong use might be made of his name and authority. Such a suspicion was entirely justified by subsequent occurrences (2 Thess. ii. 2; see *Biblical Essays*, p. 265 sq.), and doubtless sufficient grounds for it had already appeared. Hence it was of infinite importance that his views should be known to all. The same feeling is exhibited in the second Epistle in the Apostle's anxiety to authenticate his letter (iii. 17). In its solemnity this closing adjuration may be compared with the *εἰ τις οὐ φιλεῖ τὸν Κύριον, ἥτω ἀνάθεμα* of 1 Cor. xvi. 21, or *τοῦ λοιποῦ, κόπους μοι μηδεὶς παρεχέτω* of Gal. vi. 17.

ἐνορκίζω] This, the better supported reading, is not found elsewhere except in a Cephalenian inscription, Boeckh *C. I. G.* II. no. 1933, though *ἐνορκοῦν* occurs in an obscure place (Schol. Lucian. *Catapl.* 23). In Tobit ix. 20 the reading is *ἐνόρκωσ*. It is probably stronger than *όρκίζω* 'I appeal to you by an oath,' which occurs twice in the New Testament (Mark v. 7, Acts xix. 13) and is read by the bulk of manuscripts here. Thus the compound form will signify 'I bind you by an oath.' Of the forms *όρκοῦν* and *όρκιζειν*, the former is more strictly Attic, the latter belongs rather to late Greek. See Lobeck, *Phryn.* pp. 360, 361.

τὴν ἐπιστολὴν] 'the letter'; not 'this letter' (*τίμει τὴν*), for the Epistle is regarded as already concluded, and these words occur in the postscript. Compare Rom. xvi. 22 *ἔγώ Τέρτιος ὁ γράψας τὴν ἐπιστολὴν*, Col. iv. 16. On the other hand in 1 Cor. v. 9 the sentence *ἔγραψα νῦν ἐν τῇ ἐπιστολῇ* cannot refer to the first epistle itself, occurring as it does in the main body of the letter. See the note there. On the significance of 2 Thess. iii. 14 *διὰ τῆς ἐπιστολῆς* see the note on the passage.

28. The main body of the Epistle would probably be written by an amanuensis, and the Apostle would here take up his pen and add the benediction (*ἡ χάρις τοῦ Κυρίου κ.τ.λ.*) in his own handwriting. See the note on the conclusion of the Second Epistle.

The salutation as here given may be regarded as the typical form in St Paul's Epistles. The longest form occurs in 2 Cor. xiii. 13, the shortest in most of the later Epistles as Colossians, 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus. In all however the ascription of grace is the leading feature. St Paul seems to have regarded this salutation as his characteristic token

(see 2 Thess. iii. 17); and it was adopted after him by those especially who were his companions or disciples, as by the inspired writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews (xiii. 25), and by Clement in his Epistle to the Romans. Compare likewise the conclusion of the Epistle of Barnabas ὁ Κύριος τῆς δόξης καὶ πάσῃς χάριτος μετὰ τοῦ πνεύματος ὑμῶν. Afterwards it became the common salutation or benediction of the Church in her liturgies.

THE EPISTLES OF ST PAUL.

II.

THE SECOND APOSTOLIC JOURNEY.

2.

SECOND EPISTLE TO THE THESSALONIANS.

YE MEN OF GALILEE,
WHY STAND YE GAZING UP INTO HEAVEN?

IN QUIETNESS AND IN CONFIDENCE SHALL BE YOUR STRENGTH.

I SHALL SEE HIM, BUT NOT NOW: I SHALL BEHOLD HIM,
BUT NOT NIGH.

ANALYSIS.

I. SALUTATION.[¶] i. 1, 2.

II. THANKSGIVING AND DOCTRINAL PORTION. i. 3—ii. 17.

A general expression of thankfulness and interest, leading up to the difficulty about the Lord's Advent.

- i. The Apostle pours forth his thanksgiving for their progress in the faith; he encourages them to be patient under persecution, reminding them of the Judgment to come, and prays that they may be prepared to meet it. i. 3—12.
- ii. He is thus led to correct the erroneous idea that the Judgment is imminent, pointing out that much must happen first. ii. 1—12.
- iii. He repeats his thanksgiving and exhortation, and concludes this portion with a prayer. ii. 13—17.

III. HORTATORY PORTION. iii. 1—16.

- i. He urges them to pray for him, and confidently anticipates their progress in the faith. iii. 1—5.
- ii. He reproves the idle, disorderly and disobedient, and charges the faithful to withdraw from such. iii. 6—15.
- iii. Prayer to the Lord of Peace. iii. 16.

IV. SPECIAL DIRECTION AND BENEDICTION. iii. 17, 18.

CHAPTER I.

1. SALUTATION, i. 1, 2.

1, 2. The commencement of this Epistle is identical with that of the former, except that in the first verse *ἡμῶν* is inserted here after *πατρὶ* and in the second verse the clause *ἀπὸ Θεοῦ πατρὸς... Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ*, which is more than doubtful in the first Epistle, is genuine here. For the explanation of these verses see the note on the opening of the first Epistle.

2. THANKSGIVING AND DOCTRINAL PORTION, i. 3—ii. 17.

i. *Encouragement to patience from thoughts of the Judgment to come* (i. 3-12).

3. *εὐχαριστεῖν]* See the note on i Thess. i. 2.

καθὼς ἄξιόν ἔστιν] The addition of this phrase after *ὅφελομεν* illustrates St Paul's vehemence of language, leading him to accumulate cognate expressions, where an ordinary writer would adopt a simple form; compare e.g. Phil. i. 9, 14, 23, ii. 2, iii. 9, iv. 1, 2, 17 with the notes. Still the sentence is not strictly speaking pleonastic. We may say that *ὅφελομεν* points rather to the divine, *καθὼς ἄξιόν ἔστι* to the human side of the obligation. We may paraphrase thus: 'It is not only a duty, which our conscience prescribes as owed to God; but it is also merited by your conduct.' In the words of our Anglican Liturgy, 'It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks.' As expressed in the Greek Liturgies the original of these words does not show much correspondence with the language of St Paul given above: see Swainson, *The Greek Liturgies*, 1884, pp. 28, 80, 128, 267.

ὅτι] Two grammatical questions arise here. *First*, Is *ὅτι* to be taken with *εὐχαριστεῖν ὅφελομεν*, or with *καθὼς ἄξιόν ἔστι?* *Secondly*, if the former construction is to be preferred, has the conjunction a definitely

causal signification ‘because,’ or is it merely objective describing the matter of *εὐχαριστεῖν*, ‘that’? In answer to the first question, we may say that *καθὼς ἄξιόν ἔστι* seems to be parenthetical, so that *ὅτι* is attached to *εὐχαριστεῖν ὀφεῖλομεν*. The flow of the language appears to require this connexion. There would be a certain halt in the sentence, if *εὐχαριστεῖν ὀφεῖλομεν*, the emphatic clause, were unexplained, and the explanation attached to the subordinate *καθὼς ἄξιόν ἔστι*. Besides, the construction of *εὐχαριστεῖν* with *ὅτι* is confirmed by the parallel passages, Rom. i. 8, 1 Cor. i. 4, 5.

The second question is more difficult. The causal signification of *ὅτι* runs almost imperceptibly into the objective. By translating the two into different words (‘because’ and ‘that’) in English, we give a distinctness to them which a Greek probably would not recognize. The only distinction in Greek can have been one of emphasis, the causal being the more emphatic, the objective the less so. As *ὅτι* here seems to be very unemphatic, we may assume that it leans to the objective meaning, and is best translated by ‘that.’ On the other hand, if *ὅτι* were attached to *καθὼς ἄξιόν ἔστι*, it must signify ‘because.’

[*ὑπεραυξάνει*] It has been thought that a reproof is implied in *ὑπεραυξάνει*, as if the Apostle would warn his converts that their zeal had outrun their discretion. Such however is not the necessary or even the general meaning of compounds with this preposition, as used by St Paul, see the note on 1 Thess. iii. 10 *ὑπερεκπερισσοῦ*. Nor indeed would he speak of any one as having an excess of faith. The words *ὑπεραυξάνει* and *πλεονάζει* are carefully chosen; the former implying an internal, organic growth, as of a tree; the other a diffusive, or expansive character, as of a flood irrigating the land. For St Paul’s habit of rapid transition in metaphor compare the note on Col. ii. 6 *περιπαταῖτε ἐρριζωμένοι καὶ ἐποικοδομούμενοι*.

Αὔξανειν is elsewhere a transitive verb in St Paul, though generally intransitive in the other New Testament writers. The future intransitive *αὐξήσω* in Ephes. iv. 15 may come from *αὔξω*, which is also intransitive in Ephes. ii. 21.

[*εἰς ἀλλήλους*] These words are perhaps better taken with *πλεονάζει* than with *ἡ ἀγάπη ἐνὸς ἑκάστου πάντων ὑμῶν*. Compare the phrase *περισσεύειν εἰς τινὰ* in Rom. v. 15, 2 Cor. i. 5, Ephes. i. 8.

[*ῶστε κ.τ.λ.*] In this clause St Paul loses sight of *πλεονάζει η ἀγάπη*, and dwells exclusively on the former head *ὑπεραυξάνει η πίστις*. On the collocation of *πίστις* and *ἀγάπη* see the note on 1 Thess. i. 3.

[*αὐτοὺς ἡμᾶς*] ‘we ourselves’; i.e. Paul, Silvanus and Timotheus, who, as the human instruments through whom this change had been wrought, would be backward to sound the praises of the Thessalonians, lest they should seem to be boasting of themselves.

[*ἐνκαυχᾶσθαι*] Though supported by NABP only against the bulk of manuscripts, *ἐνκαυχᾶσθαι*, a word which occurs here only in the New

Testament, is the most expressive reading and is certainly to be preferred to the simple καυχᾶσθαι. The preposition of the compound corresponds to ἐν ὑμῖν, not to ἐν ταῖς ἐκκλησίαις. In other words it describes the sphere of the boasting of St Paul and his companions. Compare ἔνοικεὺς ἐν (2 Cor. vi. 16), ἐνδημεῖν ἐν (2 Cor. v. 6), ἐμρέγειν ἐν (Heb. viii. 9); but ἐνεργεῖν ἐν is somewhat different, see the notes on Phil. ii. 13, Gal. ii. 8.

[ἐν ταῖς ἐκκλησίαις] As St Paul, after leaving Macedonia, seems not to have travelled out of the province of Achaia before writing this letter, he must here allude chiefly to the Church of Corinth and the affiliated communities, see 2 Cor. i. 1 τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ τοῦ Θεοῦ τῇ οὖσῃ ἐν Κορίνθῳ σὺν τοῖς ἀγίοις πάσιν τοῖς οὖσιν ἐν ὅλῃ τῇ Ἀχαΐᾳ, though by letter and by other than direct personal communication he may have boasted also to distant churches. See the note on 1 Thess. i. 8.

Polycarp undoubtedly had this passage in mind, when, writing to the Philippians, he says ‘Ego autem nihil tale sensi in vobis vel audivi, in quibus laboravit beatus Paulus qui estis in principio epistolae eius (comp. 2 Cor. iii. 2): de vobis etenim gloriatur in omnibus ecclesiis, quae solae tunc Dominum cognoverant’ (*Philip.* 11). A little lower down he quotes 2 Thess. iii. 15. He may have confused the Epistles to Philippi and to Thessalonica; or, as Wordsworth suggests, he may have ‘regarded the Epistles to Thessalonica, the capital of Macedonia, as addressed to all the Macedonian Churches, and therefore to Philippi.’

[πίστεως] ‘faith,’ which was especially manifested in their patient endurance under affliction. ‘Υπομονὴ is generally connected with εἰπεῖς (see on 1 Thess. i. 3), but here with πίστις. The line of separation between the two is not easily drawn.

[διωγμοῖς, θλίψεσιν] The former is a special term for external persecutions inflicted by the enemies of the Gospel; the latter is more general, and denotes tribulation of any kind. See the notes on 1 Thess. i. 6, iii. 2, Phil. i. 17.

[αἷς ἀνέχεσθε] The construction of ἀνέχεσθαι with a dative is quite possible (see Eur. *Androm.* 980 ξυμφοραῖς δ' ἡνειχόμνη); but we have here doubtless an attraction for αἷς or rather ὡν ἀνέχεσθε, the genitive being the case with which the verb is always found in the New Testament; e.g. 2 Cor. xi. 1, 19, Eph. iv. 2, Col. iii. 13.

The first Epistle speaks of the persecutions attending their first acceptance of the Gospel as past, i. 6, ii. 14. Here the Apostle alludes, not perhaps to any fresh definite outbreak of rigorous persecution, but rather to the daily trials which as Christians they had to endure.

5. **[ἔνδειγμα τῆς δικαίας κρίσεως κ.τ.λ.]** For the sentence compare Phil. i. 28 καὶ μὴ πτυρόμενοι ἐν μηδενὶ ὑπὸ τῶν ἀντικειμένων· ητις ἐστὶν αὐτοῖς ἔνδειξις ἀπωλείας, ύμῶν δὲ σωτηρίας, καὶ τοῦτο ἀπὸ Θεοῦ· οὕτι ύμῖν ἔχαρισθη τὸ ὑπὲρ Χριστοῦ, οὐ μόνον τὸ εἰς αὐτὸν πιστεύειν, ἀλλὰ καὶ τὸ ὑπὲρ αὐτοῦ πάσχειν, another point of coincidence between the Thessalonian and Philippian Epistles. See the notes on 1 Thess. i. 1 Παῦλος, 2.

This parallel passage shows that ἔνδειγμα τῆς δικαίας κρίσεως here refers not to their being subject to persecution (i.e. not to *als ἀνέχεσθε* solely), but to their *patience* under persecution, i.e. to the whole sentence ὑπὲρ τῆς ὑπομονῆς...ἀνέχεσθε. It still however remains a question whether ἔνδειγμα is a nominative or an accusative case. If it is a nominative, the sentence is elliptical, and may be supplied ὅτι (or ὥπερ) ἐστιν ἔνδειγμα on the model of the passage from the Philippians. But the word is more probably an accusative by a loose sort of construction not without a parallel in classical writers, the sentence with which it is in apposition having assumed an objective form. Compare Rom. xii. 1 τὴν λογικὴν λατρείαν, 1 Tim. ii. 6 τὸ μαρτύριον καιροῖς ἰδίοις. Winer however (§ lxx. p. 669) prefers to consider ἔνδειγμα a nominative.

What then is meant by the δικαία κρίσις of God? and what is the ἔνδειγμα of it? The δικαία κρίσις involves (1), and prominently, the law of compensation by which the sufferers of this world shall rest hereafter and the persecutors of this world shall suffer hereafter. Compare our Lord's saying in the parable (Luke xvi. 25): 'Thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.' Contrast the offensive form in which the thought is expressed in Tertullian (*de Spectac.* 30 praesides persecutores dominici nominis saevioribus quam ipsi flammis saevierunt insultantibus contra Christianos liquefiantes, and the whole chapter). But (2) the simple suffering does not in itself constitute a claim to future joy. The suffering must come of faith. The sufferer must endure for the kingdom of God's sake (ὑπὲρ ἡς καὶ πάσχετε).

The ἔνδειγμα, the 'evidence' or 'token' of this first judgment of God, is found in the confident endurance and patient waiting of the Thessalonians. This strong practical belief in the judgment was *pro tanto* a proof of its truth. Compare the parallel expression in the Philippian Epistle (l.c.) πτυρόμενοι ἐν μηδενὶ...ἥτις ἐστὶν ἔνδειξις κ.τ.λ.

ἔνδειγμα] This word occurs here only in the New Testament. On the analogy of other substantives in -μα formed from the passive perfect, ἔνδειγμα must have a passive sense. It must signify not 'a thing proving,' but 'a thing proved,' 'a proof.' See the note on *πλήρωμα* *Colossians* p. 257 sq., where other examples of this form are adduced. On the other hand ἔνδειξις, which is more usual with St Paul (Rom. iii. 25, 26, 2 Cor. viii. 24, Phil. i. 28), lays stress rather on the act or process of proving. The E.V., which translates ἔνδειγμα here 'a manifest token,' renders ἔνδειξις in Phil. l.c. 'an evident token.' So in Acts i. 3 it translates *τεκμήριον* an 'infallible proof.' *Ἀπόδειξις* occurs once in the New Testament, 1 Cor. ii. 4 ἐν ἀπόδειξει πνεύματος καὶ δυνάμεως. It differs from ἔνδειξις as considering the proof rather from the point of view of its acceptance by others, than of its inherent truth; thus it means 'demonstration.' Compare the technical senses of the word both in mathematics and dialectic: Pollux iv. 33 μέρη τοῦ ῥητορικοῦ λόγου προοίμιον, διήγησις, πίστις, ἀπόδειξις.

εἰς τὸ καταξιωθῆναι] The only construction which renders the sentence logically smooth, though slightly awkward grammatically, is that which connects these words with *δικαίας κρίσεως*. If ἔνδειγμα τῆς δικαίας κρίσεως τοῦ Θεοῦ is treated as a parenthesis and *εἰς τὸ καταξιωθῆναι* attached to any part of the preceding verse, a new awkwardness is introduced in *εἴπει δίκαιον*, which is thus deprived of its proper reference to *δικαίας κρίσεως*. The preposition *εἰς* will therefore denote either the result or the purpose (see note on 1 Thess. ii. 16) of the *δικαία κρίσις*, ‘the first judgment of God which contemplates your being counted worthy etc.’

τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ Θεοῦ] ‘*the kingdom of God*,’ the new order of things as established under Christ, though with a special reference to its final and perfect development in His future kingdom.

ὑπὲρ ἣς] Not ‘to gain which,’ but ‘for the establishment, promotion and maintenance of which.’ Compare again the passage in the Philippians (i. 29) cited above, *ὑμῖν ἔχαρισθη τὸ ὑπὲρ Χριστοῦ...πάσχειν*.

καὶ πάσχετε] The *καὶ* still further enforces the connexion between present suffering and future glory. Compare 2 Tim. ii. 12 *εἰ ὑπομένουμεν, καὶ συμβασιλεύσομεν*.

6. *εἴπει*] i.e. ‘assuming that it is just in the sight of God.’ The word is purely hypothetical and in itself seems to imply neither probability nor improbability. So far is it from implying the latter, that wherever it occurs in the New Testament, it is used of what the writer regards as the true or probable hypothesis: comp. Rom. viii. 9, 17, 1 Cor. viii. 5, except perhaps 1 Cor. xv. 15 *εἴπει ἄρα νεκροὶ οὐκ ἐγείρονται*, where the introduction of *ἄρα* refers the assumption to the opinion of others, who took it for granted. On the difference between *εἴπει* and *εἴγε* see the note on Gal. iii. 4 *εἴ γε καὶ εἰκῆ*, and compare 2 Cor. v. 3, where the reading varies. Consult also Hermann *ad Viger.* p. 834, Klotz *Devar.* II. pp. 308, 528 and Winer § liii. p. 561.

εἴπει δίκαιον παρὰ Θεῷ] This clause is to be referred to *δικαίας κρίσεως τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰς τὸ καταξιωθῆναι ύμᾶς κ.τ.λ.* Thus the sense of the passage will be: ‘the first judgment of God which purposes your admission to his kingdom, granting that it is just in the sight of God etc.’

7. *ἀνεστιν*] ‘*relief*.’ The word is properly used here, as elsewhere, in opposition to *θλίψις*. See 2 Cor. vii. 5, viii. 13 and compare 2 Cor. ii. 13 *οὐκ ἔσχηκα ἀνεστιν τῷ πνεύματι* with ii. 4 *ἐκ πολλῆς θλίψεως καὶ συνοχῆς καρδίας ἔγραψα*. So too *Act. Paul. et Thecl.* § 37. “*Ανεστιν* is ‘a slackening, relaxation, relief,’ just as *θλίψις* is ‘a crushing, a constraint.’ On *θλίψις* and words of similar import such as *στενοχωρία, ἀνάγκη, συνοχὴ* see the note on 1 Thess. iii. 7.

μεθ' ήμῶν] ‘*with us*,’ the writers of the Epistle, Paul, Silvanus and Timotheus. Their community in present suffering was an earnest of their community in future glory. In the same spirit St Paul elsewhere associates the sufferings of his converts with his own. So especially 2 Cor. i. 7 *εἰδότες ὅτι ὡς κοινωνοί ἔστε τῶν παθημάτων, οὕτως καὶ τῆς*

παρακλήσεως, and Phil. i. 30 τὸν αὐτὸν ἀγῶνα ἔχοντες οἵον εἶδετε ἐν ἑμοί, a continuation of the passage which has already been quoted on ver. 5 as a close parallel to this.

ἐν τῇ ἀποκαλύψει] On the resemblance of apocalyptic passages in point of language and imagery to the Old Testament see the note on I Thess. v. 3.

In the passage before us we have chiefly to notice the fearlessness with which the Apostle applies the phenomena represented in the Old Testament as the symbols of the divine presence, the attendant angels (Ps. lxviii. 17) and the flame of fire (Ex. iii. 2, xix. 18, Deut. iv. 11, Ps. civ. 4, Is. lxvi. 15, Mal. iv. 1, also Dan. vii. 9, 10 where both images are found combined), to the Appearing of our Lord. In some cases the very expressions used in the Hebrew prophets of God have been adopted by St Paul in speaking of Christ. We have a remarkable instance of this in the words ἀπὸ προσώπου τοῦ Κυρίου καὶ ἀπὸ τῆς δόξης τῆς ἵσχυος αὐτοῦ borrowed from Isaiah (ii. 10, 19, 21, xix. 16, cited by Jowett).

The term *ἀποκάλυψις* is used here of the Lord's coming, as I Cor. i. 7 and I Pet. i. 7, 13, iv. 13, in place of the more usual word *παρουσία*. The common term for this great event in the Pastoral Epistles is *ἐπιφάνεια* (see note below on ii. 8), neither *ἀποκάλυψις* nor *παρουσία* occurring in them.

μετ' ἀγγέλων δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ] ‘with the angels, the ministers of His power.’ This expression is translated in the E. V. and by others ‘with his mighty angels,’ *δυνάμεως* being made to serve the turn of an epithet according to the common Hebrew idiom. Jowett who supports this view instances νἱοὶ δυνάμεως (Judges xviii. 2, I Sam. xviii. 17, 2 Chron. xxv. 13), ἀρχοντες δυνάμεως (I Kings xv. 20, 2 Kings xxv. 23). But the interpretation must be discarded, though the Hebraic tinge of the passage is *pro tanto* in favour of it; for the position of *αὐτοῦ* would thus be rendered extremely awkward. Moreover on this supposition the Apostle would dwell rather on the power of subordinate beings than of the Lord Himself.

8. **ἐν πυρὶ φλογὸς]** This is probably the true reading in this passage and in Exod. iii. 2 of which it is a reminiscence. On the other hand **ἐν φλογὶ πυρὸς** is on the whole to be preferred in Acts vii. 30. There is a similar variation of reading in all three passages.

Whether these words are to be attached to the preceding or the following sentence is doubtful. The flow of the sentence seems to be in favour of the second alternative, and the sense is somewhat assisted by this construction. In this case the ‘flame of fire’ will be regarded at one and the same time as a revelation of the divine presence, and as an instrument of vengeance, though *ἐν* is not to be taken in the instrumental sense. Compare Malachi iii. 2, iv. 1, 2. This double aspect will hold equally whether the ‘fire’ be taken in a literal or a figurative sense: for the revelation of Christ will in itself inflict the severest punishment on the wicked, by opening their eyes to what they have lost.

διδόντος ἐκδίκησιν] ‘awarding retribution.’ Again an expression borrowed from the Old Testament and there applied to God. See Ezek. xxv. 14 ἐπιγνώσονται τὴν ἐκδίκησιν μου, λέγει Κύρος.

τοῖς μὴ εἰδόσι κ.τ.λ.] That two distinct classes are here meant is clear, from the repetition of the article. These classes are generally taken to correspond to the unbelieving heathen and the unbelieving Jew respectively. But if by *τοῖς μὴ εἰδόσι Θεὸν* are meant the heathen who rejected the Gospel when offered to them, they are not distinct from *τοῖς μὴ ὑπακοούσοις*; and if on the other hand the heathen world generally is signified, this is opposed to the doctrine which St Paul teaches in Romans ii. The classification seems to be somewhat different, viz. ‘those who, not having the Gospel offered to them, yet reject the light of natural religion, which in a certain sense reveals God to them; and those who, whether Jews or Gentiles, hearing the Gospel preached yet refuse to accept it.’ This seems to give a more adequate explanation of *τοῖς μὴ εἰδόσι Θεὸν* (compare Rom. i. 18, 28); and the two classes will then correspond to those condemned in the opening chapters of the Epistle to the Romans. On *τοῖς μὴ εἰδόσι* compare Gal. iv. 8, 1 Thess. iv. 5 with the notes, and on *εἰδέναι* see 1 Thess. v. 12.

9. **οἵτινες]** ‘men who.’ While the simple *οἱ* would define the persons themselves, *οἵτινες* regards them as members of a class, and points to their class characteristics. It may be paraphrased, ‘for they and such as they.’ See further on Gal. iv. 24 ἡτις ἐστὶν Ἀγαρ, Phil. i. 28 ἡτις ἐστὶν αὐτοῖς ἔνδειξις ἀπωλείας, iv. 3 αἵτινες συνήθησάν μοι with the notes; and comp. Rom. ii. 15, vi. 2, Gal. iv. 26, v. 19, Phil. ii. 20, 1 Tim. i. 4, etc.

ὅλεθρον] Lachmann’s reading δλέθριον, if better supported by external authority, would deserve some consideration; for the accumulation of epithets compare 1 Tim. i. 17.

ἀπὸ προσώπου κ.τ.λ.] It has been questioned what sense should be assigned to *ἀπό*, whether it should be taken ‘by reason of,’ or ‘shut out from, removed from.’ The latter is grammatically much more probable, and on all accounts to be preferred. The expression is borrowed from Isaiah ii. 10, 19, 21 ἀπὸ προσώπου τὸν φόβον Κυρίου καὶ ἀπὸ δόξης τῆς λογίας αὐτοῦ ὅταν ἀναστῇ κ.τ.λ., as was observed by Tertullian (*adv. Marc.* v. 16 ‘quos ait poenam luituros exitialem, aeternam, a facie Domini et a gloria valentiae eius’), and there *ἀπὸ* is clearly in this sense. It is thought that the second clause *ἀπὸ τῆς δόξης* is in favour of the other meaning ‘by reason of’; but *δόξα* is here used, as elsewhere, of the visible glory, the bright light which is the symbol of the divine presence. Compare 2 Cor. iii. 7 sq., Luke ii. 9 δόξα Κυρίου περιελαμψεν, 1 Cor. xv. 41 ἀλλη δόξα γλίου, and more especially 1 Kings viii. 11 ἐπλησε δόξα Κυρίου τὸν οἶκον. The opinion of some critics that *ἀπὸ* in the sense of ‘apart from’ should be accentuated *ἄπο* seems not to rest on sufficient grounds.

The severest punishment of the wicked is here represented to be exclusion from the presence of God. Compare Luke xiii. 27 ‘Depart

from me, all ye workers of iniquity,' and the corresponding phrase in St Matthew viii. 12 τὸ σκότος τὸ ἐξώτερον (so Matt. xxii. 13, xxv. 30). The idea is not confined to the New Testament : it is met with in the Old Testament also ; see Ps. li. 11 and other passages quoted by Lünenmann *ad loc.* Whatever may be meant by the 'worm that dieth not and the fire that is not quenched' (Mark ix. 48 quoted from Isaiah lxvi. 24), we are at least led by such passages as these to hold the essence of the future punishment of the wicked, as indeed seems to be the case in the present world also, to consist rather in a moral and spiritual condition than in any physical sufferings undergone.

10. ἐνδοξασθῆναι] Used with a reference to ἀπὸ τῆς δόξης of the preceding verse. 'The object of His coming is that He may be glorified in His saints ; and yet from that glory the wicked, your persecutors, will be shut out. Thus have they hindered the high purposes of God, and been untrue to the end for which they were created.'

ἐν τοῖς ἀγίοις αὐτοῦ] Not 'amidst,' nor yet 'by,' 'through' (*ἐν* instrumental), but '*in His saints.*' They are the mirror in which His glory shines. His infinite perfections are reflected in those finite beings exalted and purified through Him. Similarly the Father is said to be glorified in the Son (John xiv. 13), though in a far higher sense, because there the mirror is perfect, and the reflection is 'the express image of His person' (Hebr. i. 3).

That this is the meaning of the preposition is shewn by the compound ἐνδοξασθῆναι. Though only used in the New Testament here and ver. 12, the word is not uncommon in LXX. : compare Exod. xiv. 4 ἐνδοξασθήσομαι ἐν Φαραὼ, Ecclus. xxxviii. 6 ἐνδοξάζεσθαι ἐν τοῖς θαυμασθῆναι αὐτοῦ etc.

τοῖς ἀγίοις αὐτοῦ] See note on 1 Thess. iii. 13.

ἐν πᾶσιν τοῖς πιστεύσασιν] The preposition *ἐν* here clearly has the same meaning as in the parallel clause ἐν τοῖς ἀγίοις. 'His marvellous attributes are displayed in the believers.' But for the parallelism of the clauses, a different interpretation might have been assigned to θαυμασθῆναι . *ἐν πᾶσιν τοῖς πιστεύσασιν.*

πιστεύσασιν] The word πιστεύειν signifies not merely 'to believe,' as a continuous state of mind, but also 'to accept the Gospel,' as a single definite act. Compare 1 Cor. xv. 2, 11, 2 Cor. iv. 13 (from LXX.). Hence the past ὁ πιστεύσας is 'one who has accepted the Gospel, a believer,' as e.g. in Acts iv. 32, xi. 17. It is simpler so to explain it, than to suppose that the past tense is used here to denote that faith would then have been absorbed in sight and ceased to be. The correction πιστεύοντας adopted by the Textus Receptus probably arose from an inability to grasp this meaning of the aorist. Compare similar usages in Madv. Gr. Syn. § III. Rem. d. p. 90, as ἐβασιλεύετε, ἐβούλευτε etc., who however confines it to the aorist; see also Donaldson Gr. Gr., p. 411 sq. (ed. 3).

ὅτι ἐπιστεύθη] 'because it was believed.' The sentence is elliptical.

If completed it would have run, 'in all them that believed, and *therefore in you*, for our testimony was believed by you.' The suppressed clause naturally supplies itself from what has gone before, the participation of the Thessalonians in the glories of Christ's coming being the leading idea of the context; see especially ver. 7 *ὑμῖν τοῖς θλιβομένοις ἀνεστιν*. Moreover *πᾶσιν* points to the ellipsis, as if he had said: 'for all, you included'; and perhaps still further the dead, as well as the surviving, see 1 Thess. iv. 13 sq.

Ἐφ' ὑμᾶς is generally taken strictly with *τὸ μαρτύριον ἡμῶν*, 'our testimony addressed to you was believed'; but the point of the sentence is rather 'you believed,' than 'you had the Gospel offered to you' as this construction would make it. In other words, we look for a direct connexion between the Thessalonians and a *belief* in the Gospel rather than between the Thessalonians and the *preaching* of the Gospel. Nor is the construction *ἐπιστεύθη ἐφ' ὑμᾶς* grammatically indefensible. The preposition has [a] notion of 'direction towards,' 'belief in our testimony directed itself to reach you.' Compare 2 Cor. ii. 3 *πεποιθὼς ἐπὶ πάντας ὑμᾶς ὅτι ἡ ἐμὴ χαρὰ πάντων ὑμῶν ἔστιν* and the construction *ἀλπίζειν ἐπὶ*, 1 Pet. i. 13, 1 Tim. v. 5. The language of Bengel however 'ad vos usque, in occidente,' goes too far.

ἐν τῇ ἡμέρᾳ ἐκείνῃ 'in that day'; to be attached to *ἐνδοξασθῆναι κ.τ.λ.*, the clause *ὅτι ἐπιστεύθη...ἐφ' ὑμᾶς* being parenthetical. This suspension of *ἐν τῇ ἡμέρᾳ ἐκείνῃ*, giving it greater emphasis by making it clinch the sentence, is in accordance with the pervading tone and purport of the Thessalonian Epistles, which enforce the duty of waiting for the Lord's coming. On the expression *ἡμέρᾳ ἐκείνῃ* see the notes on 1 Thess. v. 2, 4.

11. *εἰς δ]* 'to which end,' i.e. *εἰς τὸ καταξιωθῆναι ὑμᾶς* (ver. 5).

Ινα ὑμᾶς κ.τ.λ.] This still further defines the meaning of *εἰς δ*. The particle *ινα* seems to be used here rather in its classical sense, denoting the purpose, 'in order that,' than to imply simply the substance of the prayers 'pray that God may etc.' according to the meaning which it bears in later Greek. But the one meaning shades off into the other, and it is often difficult to discriminate between them. See the notes on 1 Thess. ii. 16, v. 4.

τῆς κλήσεως] As the verb *ἀξιῶν* never signifies 'to make worthy,' but always 'to account worthy,' *τῆς κλήσεως* cannot denote 'calling' according to the accepted meaning of the term (i.e. the being included in the fold of Christ), as it is usually found (e.g. 2 Tim. i. 9); but must refer to something future. It is in fact capable of the same differences of meaning as *ἐκλογὴ* (see the note on 1 Thess. i. 4), and is here used of 'final acceptance.' The Apostle's prayer therefore for his converts is that God may deem them worthy to be called to the kingdom of His glory. This higher and future 'calling' differs rather in degree than in kind from the calling whereby they have been already called, and therefore is denoted

by the same word. Just so the *βασιλεία τοῦ Θεοῦ* of the future is but a higher development of the *βασιλεία τοῦ Θεοῦ* of the present.

ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν] ‘*the God of us all.*’ By the pronoun the Apostle once more asserts his fellowship with his converts. Compare ver. 7, ἀνεστι μεθ’ ἡμῶν, and the note on 1 Thess. v. 6 ἐσμέν.

καὶ πληρώσῃ] After the mention of *τῆς κλήσεως* we might have expected some reference to external happiness or to outward glories. But it is not so. The essence of their ‘calling’ consisted in their being perfected morally and spiritually. The end of it was that the Lord might be glorified in them (ver. 12).

εὐδοκίαν ἀγαθωσύνης] ‘*delight in well-doing.*’ If the phrase had stood alone, we should naturally have translated it ‘*the good pleasure of His goodness,*’ referring both *εὐδοκίαν* and *ἀγαθωσύνης* to God; as the E. V. in accordance with the common usage of *εὐδοκεῖν*, *εὐδοκία* of the divine will. But its parallelism with *ἔργον πίστεως*, which cannot be interpreted here of God but must apply to the Thessalonians, shows that it must be taken in the same way, ‘*all delight, all gladness in well-doing.*’ It is something to do good, but it is a higher stage of moral progress to delight in doing good. For the opposite to this compare Rom. i. 32, οὐ μόνον αὐτὰ πιούσιν ἀλλὰ καὶ συνευδοκοῦσι τοῖς πράσσοντιν. On *ἀγαθωσύνη* and its difference from *ἀγαθότης* and *χρηστότης* see the notes on 1 Thess. iii. 13 and Gal. v. 22 respectively. On *εὐδοκία* see the note on Phil. i. 15, and compare Eph. i. 5.

ἔργον πίστεως] ‘*work, activity of faith.*’ It must not be simply a passive, dead faith. See James ii. 18, and the note on 1 Thess. i. 3.

ἐν δυνάμει] ‘*powerfully, effectively,*’ referring to *πληρώσῃ* above.

12. τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ Κυρίου] In this expression we have another instance of the adoption of the language of the Old Testament originally referring to Jehovah, and its application to our Lord, see vv. 8, 9. The name of the Lord (יהוָה דָבָר) is a frequent periphrasis for ‘*the Lord.*’ In this expression, ‘*the name*’ seems to imply idea of ‘*title, dignity, majesty, power,*’ better than of ‘*personality.*’ Indeed ‘*the name*’ (דָבָר and sometimes even without the article, דָבָר) is at times found absolutely for ‘*the Lord,*’ e.g. Levit. xxiv. 11, 16; compare also Deut. xxviii. 58, φοβεῖσθαι τὸ ὄνομα τὸ ἔντιμον καὶ τὸ θαυμαστὸν τοῦτο, Κύριον τὸν Θεόν σου (LXX.). From a misinterpretation of these passages of Leviticus came the superstitious fear of the Jews of pronouncing the word Jehovah. See Drusius on *Eccl.* li. 4 cited by Schleusner *Vet. Test.* s. v. *ὄνομα.* It does not appear that a similar periphrasis is used in the Old Testament of any other person, or office. Instances like τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ βασιλέως, or τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ Δαρείου for ὁ βασιλεύς or ὁ Δαρεῖος are not parallels; and so far the expression may be regarded as one confined to the Divine Being. On the ‘*name*’ belonging to our Lord compare Phil. ii. 9 ἐχαρίσατο αὐτῷ τὸ ὄνομα τὸ ὑπὲρ πᾶν ὄνομα, Heb. i. 4 ὅτῳ διαφορώτερον παρ’ αὐτοὺς κεκληρονόμηκεν ὄνομα, and for a remarkable and reiterated use of the periphrasis

applied to Him, Acts iii. 16 *τῇ πίστει τοῦ ὀνόματος αὐτοῦ τοῦτον ὁν θεωρεῖτε...έστερέωσεν τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ.* For more on this subject see the notes on Phil. ii. 9 *τὸ ὄνομα* and 10 *ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι.*

καὶ ἡμεῖς ἐν αὐτῷ] The similarity in spirit and expression here to St John has not escaped notice. Compare John xvii. 1, 10, 21—26.

κατὰ τὴν χάριν] i.e. 'the source, whence all glorification springs.' An instance of St Paul's anxiety to exclude human merit. This desire appears frequently (Rom. iv. 16, xi. 5, 6, Ephes. ii. 5, 8).

Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ] Since *Κυρίου* may be regarded as a proper name and therefore frequently stands without the article, it is not safe to take *Θεοῦ* and *Κυρίου* as referring to the same Person because the article is not repeated. The translation of the E. V. is rendered much more probable by the common connexion of *Κύριος Ἰησοῦς Χριστός.* See the matter fully discussed in Middleton *ad loc.*

CHAPTER II.

ii. *Much must happen before the Judgment* (ii. 1—12).

1. **Ἐρωτῶμεν**] ‘we beseech you.’ On the sense which this word bears in the New Testament, see the note on 1 Thess. iv. 1.

δὲ] The Apostle had spoken of the day, when the Thessalonians should be glorified and their persecutors punished. He now turns aside (**δὲ**) to correct any mistakes which his mention of this day may have occasioned, to calm any feverish desires which it may have excited. He bids his converts be aware that, though come it will, yet it will not come yet. Their persecutions must be endured yet awhile. They must not give up their patient watchfulness, their sober judgment.

ὑπὲρ] The E. V., following the Vulgate and the Latin authorities generally, translates this as a particle of adjuration, ‘*by* the coming.’ But there is no support for this sense in the New Testament. ‘**Ὑπὲρ**’ is here almost equivalent to **περὶ**, to which however it superadds an idea of advocacy (see the note on Gal. i. 3) more or less prominent in different passages, and here probably very faint. Roughly and broadly paraphrased, **ὑπὲρ τῆς παρονοίας** would be, ‘to correct mistaken notions,’ or ‘to advocate the true view of the coming.’

ἐπισυναγωγῆς] The verb **ἐπισυνάγειν** is used in the Gospels of the gathering together of the elect at the Lord’s coming (Matt. xxiv. 31, Mark xiii. 27), and the substantive **ἐπισυναγωγὴ** seems to have acquired a precise and definite meaning in relation to the great event, corresponding to that attached to **παρονοία**. It has this sense in 2 Macc. ii. 7, though there the **ἐπισυναγωγὴ** is regarded from a Jewish point of view, as the gathering into a temporal kingdom of Messiah.

2. **ταχέως**] Not ‘soon’ (i.e. ‘after so short a time’) in regard to a previous point of time, as e.g. their conversion; but ‘hastily,’ ‘readily,’ ‘unhesitatingly,’ describing the manner of **σαλευθῆναι**. Compare 1 Tim. v. 22, and so perhaps the word is used in Gal. i. 6 **θαυμάζω ὅτι οὐτως ταχέως μετατίθεσθε** ‘I marvel that ye are so ready in changing.’ See the note there.

σαλευθῆναι] i.e. ‘not to be driven by feverish expectations from your sober senses, as a ship drifts away under a tempest from its moorings.’ The E. V. ‘shaken in mind’ is quite wrong. The phrase **σαλεύεσθαι ἐπὶ ἀγκύρας** is not an uncommon one, signifying ‘to ride at anchor.’ The opposite to it is **ἀποσαλεύειν ἀγκύρας**, or **σαλεύειν ἀπὸ ἀγκύρας**. Compare especially Plut. *Op. Mor.* ii. p. 493 Δ ὄρεξ τοῦ κατὰ φύσιν ἀποσαλεύοντα, followed almost immediately by ὡς ἐπ’ ἀγκύρας τῆς φύσεως σαλεύει.

τοῦ νοὸς] ‘judgment, reason, sober sense,’ as opposed to any fit of enthusiasm, or any feverish anxieties and desires. **Νοῦς** is here used in a similar sense to 1 Cor. xiv. 15 προσεύξομαι τῷ πνεύματι, προσεύξομαι δὲ καὶ τῷ νοὶ. Generally in St Paul **πνεῦμα** and **νοῦς** are regarded as closely allied, and almost convertible, being opposed to **σάρξ** or **σῶμα**; but in 1 Cor. l. c., as here, the intellectual element in **νοῦς** is the prominent one. See the note on 1 Thess. v. 23.

μηδὲ] is the best supported reading. Nor indeed does **μήτε** suit the context, where the disjunctive, not the adjunctive, negative is required. There is the same variation of reading, with a similar preponderance of authority in favour of the more grammatical particle, in Eph. iv. 27 μηδὲ δίδοτε τόπον τῷ διαβόλῳ. On the difference between **οὐδέ**, **μηδέ**, and **οὔτε**, **μήτε** see the notes on Gal. i. 12, and 1 Thess. ii. 3. The same phenomenon of **μηδὲ** followed by a triple **μήτε** occurs in the Epistle on the Martyrs of Lyons and Vienne given in Eusebius *H. E.* v. 1. 20 ὥστε μηδὲ τὸ ἔδιον κατειπεῖν ὅνομα μήτε ἔθνους μήτε πόλεως ὅθεν ἢν μήτε εἰ δοῦλος κ.τ.λ., where again **μήτε** is found as a variant for **μηδέ**.

Θροεῖσθαι] ‘nor yet be confused,’ without actually losing your mind. **Θροεῖσθαι** seems to be weaker, not stronger, than **σαλευθῆναι** ἀπὸ τοῦ νοός; and this we might expect after **μηδέ**.

ώς δι’ ήμῶν] It is questioned whether these words refer to **ἐπιστολῆς** only, or to **λόγου** and **ἐπιστολῆς**, or to all the three **πνεύματος**, **λόγου**, **ἐπιστολῆς**. The sense seems to require us to extend the reference to **λόγου** as well as **ἐπιστολῆς** ‘oral tidings no less than the written letter’; and having done this we are almost forced by the parallelism of the clauses to include **πνεύματος** also. Nor is **διὰ πνεύματος** incapable of an explanation, when connected with **ώς δι’ ήμῶν**. There are three ways in which the pretended authority of the Apostle might be brought forward by false or mistaken teachers. They might represent his opinion as communicated to them by some spiritual revelation (**διὰ πνεύματος**); or they might report a conversation pretended to have been held with him (**διὰ λόγου**); or they might produce a letter purporting to come from him (**δι’ ἐπιστολῆς**). In this way **διὰ πνεύματος** might as well be used of spiritual communication, as opposed to **διὰ λόγου**, **δι’ ἐπιστολῆς** the instruments of outward intercourse. Nor need this **πνεῦμα** have been a fabrication of the false teachers; but they may have been deceived themselves by spiritual hallucinations which they mistook for true revelations, the **διάκρισις πνευμάτων** being indispensable in the Early Church, and Paul having

himself warned the Thessalonians that they must try the spirits. See the notes on 1 Thess. v. 19-21.

Do the words δι' ἐπιστολῆς here refer to the First Epistle to the Thessalonians, some passages of which (as iv. 13 sq) being misunderstood might not unnaturally give rise to the expectation that the day of the Lord was close at hand? Or do they point to a forged epistle circulated in the Apostle's name? The former opinion is maintained and lucidly set forth by Paley (*Horæ Paulinæ* c. x. § 3) who accordingly translates 'quasi nos quid tale aut dixerimus aut scripserimus.' But the words will scarcely bear this interpretation: for as no mention has gone before of the *purport* of the tidings or letter, the expression ὡς δι' ἡμῶν, 'as if coming from us,' cannot be intended to throw discredit on the interpretation of this purport, but on the letter or tidings themselves. The expression is different where he confessedly speaks of his own letter as below, ii. 15.

We have therefore to fall back upon the supposition of a forged letter. Whether St Paul actually knew that such a letter had been forged, it is impossible to say. If he had, probably he would have spoken more strongly; and the whole sentence is couched in the vague language of one who suspected rather than knew. But he must at least have had reasons for believing that an illicit use had been made of his authority in some way or other: and the suspicion of a possible forgery seems to have crossed his mind at an earlier date, when he wrote the first epistle (see the note on 1 Thess. v. 27); and he guards against it at the close of this epistle also (iii. 17).

ὡς ὅτι] 'representing that.' The expression in this passage throws discredit on the statement. Compare 2 Cor. xi. 21 κατὰ ἀτιμίαν λέγω ὡς ὅτι ἡμεῖς ἡσθενήκαμεν, Isocr. *Busir. Arg.* p. 220 κατηγόρουν αὐτοῦ ὡς ὅτι κανὰ δαιμόνια εἰσφέρει, Xenophon *Hell.* iii. 2. 14 etc. The idea of misrepresentation or error is not however necessarily inherent in the combination of particles ὡς ὅτι; but the ὡς points to the subjective statement as distinguished from the objective fact, and thus this idea of untruth is frequently implied. It is not however universal: see 2 Cor. v. 19 ὡς ὅτι Θεὸς ἡνὶ ἐν Χριστῷ κόσμον καταλάσσων ἔαυτῷ.

ἐνεστῆκεν] 'is imminent.' For τὰ ἐνεστῶτα 'things present' as opposed to τὰ μέλλοντα 'things future' see Rom. viii. 38, 1 Cor. iii. 22, and for ἐνεστῶς in the sense of 'present' compare 1 Cor. vii. 26, Gal. i. 4.

The Apostle then does not deny that the day of the Lord may be near. He asserts that it is not imminent. Certain events must take place before it arrives; and though they may be crowded into a short space of time, still they demand the lapse of some appreciable period.

ἡ ἡμέρα τοῦ Κυρίου] See the notes on 1 Thess. v. 2, 4.

3. κατὰ μηδένα τρόπον] i.e. whether by the means specified in the preceding verse, or in any other way.

ὅτι] 'for (the day shall not come).' We have here an instance of the ellipsis so common in St Paul. Another instance occurs just below, ver. 7

μόνον ὁ κατέχων ἄρτι κ.τ.λ. Other examples are Gal. i. 20 ἵδον ἐνώπιον τοῦ Θεοῦ ὅτι, ii. 4 διὰ δὲ τοὺς παρεισάκτους ψευδαδέλφους κ.τ.λ., ii. 9 ἵνα ἡμεῖς εἰς τὰ ἔθνη (and of ellipse after ἵνα again 1 Cor. i. 31, 2 Cor. viii. 13, Rom. iv. 16), v. 13 μόνον μὴ τὴν ἐλευθερίαν εἰς ἀφορμὴν τῇ σαρκὶ, 1 Cor. iv. 6 μὴ ὑπὲρ ἀγέραπται, v. 1 τοιαύτη πορνεία ἥτις οὐδὲ ἐν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν, xi. 24 τὸ σῶμα τὸ ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν, 2 Cor. ix. 7 ἔκαστος καθὼς προὔρηται τῇ καρδίᾳ, Rom. xiii. 7 etc.

Another interpretation attaches ὅτι to ἔξαπατήσῃ ‘let no man deceive you by saying that,’ sc. the day will not be delayed. But this is extremely harsh, as obviously the words ἐὰν μὴ ἐλθῃ κ.τ.λ. suggest a different way of supplying the ellipsis.

ἡ ἀποστασία] ‘the revolt, rebellion.’ The word implies that the opposition contemplated by St Paul springs up from within rather than from without. In other words, it must arise either from the Jews or from apostate Christians, either of whom might be said to fall away from God. On the other hand it cannot refer to Gentiles. This consideration alone will exclude many interpretations given of the ‘man of sin.’ The word ἀποστασία is a later form for ἀπόστασις. See Lobeck *Phryn.* p. 528.

καὶ ἀποκαλυφθῆ] It is impossible to pronounce on mere grammatical grounds whether this ‘revelation’ is spoken of as the consequence and crowning event of the ἀποστασία, or is the same incident regarded from another point of view. The interpretation will depend mainly on the conception entertained of ὁ ἄνθρωπος τῆς ἀνομίας as denoting a person or otherwise.

One of the important features in this description is the parallel drawn between Christ and the adversary of Christ. Both alike are ‘revealed,’ and to both alike the term ‘mystery’ is applied. From this circumstance, and from the description given in ver. 4 of his arrogant assumption, we cannot doubt that the man of sin in St Paul is identical with the ἀντίχριστος of St John, the preposition in the latter term expressing the idea of antagonistic claims.

ὁ ἄνθρωπος τῆς ἀνομίας, ὁ νιὸς τῆς ἀπωλείας] The one term expresses the intrinsic character, the other the ultimate destination of the person or thing intended. The expression ὁ ἄνθρωπος τῆς ἀνομίας is to be traced originally to the Hebrew idiom, where the genitive supplies the place of epithet. ‘Ο νιὸς τῆς ἀπωλείας again is a Hebraism: e.g. ‘the son of death,’ 1 Sam. xx. 31 (LXX. ὅτι νιὸς θανάτου οὗτος i.e. ‘destined to die’), ‘son of stripes,’ Deut. xxv. 2. So arrows are called ‘sons of the quiver,’ ‘sons of the bow,’ Lam. iii. 13, Job xli. 20 (28).

Yet these expressions, when transferred to the Greek, would have a depth and freshness of significance, which from having become idiomatic they had probably lost in the original Hebrew. The Apostle, we may suppose, would employ them (1) as being more forcible than the idiomatic expressions corresponding to them in the Greek; (2) because speaking in a prophetic view he would naturally fall into the language of

the Hebrew prophets : see especially the note on 1 Thess. v. 3. (3) It is not improbable that St Paul is adopting the recognised phraseology in reference to the events of the last day. Thus Judas is called ὁ νιὸς τῆς ἀπωλείας, John xvii. 12.

Does the Apostle intend an actual person by these expressions, or do they represent the impersonation of some evil principle or movement? The first is the *primā facie* view, but there are good reasons for preferring the latter.

(1) The 'man of sin' is obviously distinguished from Satan (ver. 9), and yet it is difficult to see how any other person could be spoken of in such terms. (2) From the interchange of *τὸ κατέχον* and *ὁ κατέχων* we may infer that in this case at least a principle, not a person, is meant, inasmuch as it is much more natural to personify a principle than conversely. And this suggests that *ὁ ἄνθρωπος τῆς ἀνομίας* may be a personification also. (3) The language which St John uses in 1 Joh. ii. 18, where he speaks of 'many Antichrists,' apparently as elements of *ὁ ἀντίχριστος*, seems to point to the same result. (4) The 'man of sin' is spoken of as existing and working at the time when St Paul wrote, though still unrevealed (*ὁ ἀντικείμενος καὶ ὑπεραρόμενος κ.τ.λ.*).

Perhaps St Paul may have seen in some actual adversary of the Gospel a type of the antichristian spirit and working ; and this may have facilitated the personification.

[4. ὁ ἀντικείμενος] Not to be taken with *ἐπὶ πάντα κ.τ.λ.*, but absolutely 'the adversary.' It is equivalent to *ὁ ἀντίχριστος*.

ὑπεραρόμενος ἐπὶ] Not to be translated as E. V., but '*exalteth himself exceedingly against*' The verb *ὑπεραίρεσθαι* occurs in the sense 'to be exalted above measure' in 2 Cor. xii. 7 διὸ ὡν μὴ ὑπεραίρωμαι, ἐδόθη μοι σκόλοψ τῇ σαρκὶ. The images and to a certain extent the expressions are drawn from Dan. xi. 36 καὶ ὁ βασιλεὺς ὑψώθησται καὶ μεγαλυνθήσεται *ἐπὶ πάντα θεὸν καὶ λαλήσει ὑπέρογκα κ.τ.λ.*, referring primarily at least to Antiochus Epiphanes.

πάντα λεγόμενον θεὸν] i.e. whether the true God, or so-called gods of heathendom. St Paul inserts the word *λεγόμενον*, where Daniel has simply *πάντα θεόν*, lest he should seem to allow the claim and so derogate from the majesty of the true God. Compare 1 Cor. viii. 5 καὶ γὰρ εἴπερ εἰσὶ λεγόμενοι θεοὶ...ἀλλ’ ἡμῶν εἰς Θεὸς ὁ πατὴρ κ.τ.λ. The writer of the Clementine Homilies (xi. 12, 13, 15) uses *σεβάσματα* and *λεγόμενοι θεοὶ* in close connexion, possibly having this passage in his mind. Elsewhere he employs the words separately, *λεγόμενοι θεοὶ* v. 29, ix. 15, x. 9, 11, *σέβασμα* iv. 8, ix. 18, x. 8, 21, 22. See also Polybius xxxi. 3, 13, Clem. Alex. Strom. vii. 1 § 2 (p. 829 ed. Potter), *σεβάσματα*.

ἢ σέβασμα] 'or object of reverence.' A more comprehensive expression than *λεγόμενον θεόν*, since it includes things as well as persons. *Σέβασμα* only occurs elsewhere in the New Testament in St Paul's speech on the Areopagus (Acts xvii. 23), which was nearly coincident in point of time

with the writing of this Epistle. In the E. V. of Acts I. c. *σέβασμα* is wrongly translated 'devotions.'

The epithet *λεγόμενον* does not refer to *σέβασμα*, but is confined to *Θεόν*.

ὅτε αὐτὸν...καθίσαι] The verb *καθίσειν* is here intransitive as generally in the New Testament. In 1 Cor. vi. 4, Eph. i. 20 it is transitive, and possibly in John xix. 13 also.

ὅτε] denotes here not the purpose of *ὑπεραιρόμενος*, in which case *αὐτὸν* would be inadmissible; but the result, 'so that it ends in his sitting etc.'

εἰς τὸν ναὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ] The figure may have been suggested by the insane attempt of the emperor Caius to set up his statue in the temple at Jerusalem (Joseph. *Ant.* xviii. 8. 2). But the actual temple can scarcely under any circumstances be meant here, as has been supposed by many from Irenæus (*Haer.* v. 30. 4) downwards. Indeed if the 'man of sin' be regarded merely as a personification, such a view is at once precluded.

Ναὸς is properly the shrine, the inner sanctuary, as opposed to *ἱερὸν* which would include all the outer buildings. The expression *ὁ ναὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ* is always figurative elsewhere in St Paul, e.g. 1 Cor. iii. 16, 17 (comp. vi. 19), 2 Cor. vi. 16, and see *Ephes.* ii. 21.

τοῦ Θεοῦ] After these words the received text adds *ὡς Θεόν*, which however must be rejected on the testimony of the ancient authorities.

ἀποδεικνύτα ἐαυτὸν] The word *ἀποδεικνύναι* is used frequently to denote either the nomination of a person to office, or the proclamation of a sovereign on his accession. Compare Philo *in Flacc.* § 3 (II. p. 518 ed. Mangey) *Γαῖου δὲ ἀποδειχθέντος αὐτοκράτορος*, together with the passages quoted in Wetstein. The word seems to have attained this technical sense at a later than the classical period.

ὅτι ἐστὶν Θεός] The deification of the Roman Emperor may to a certain extent have supplied the image here; see the note on *εἰς τὸν ναὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ* above. Wetstein mentions a coin of Julius Cæsar, having on the one side his head with the inscription *Θεός*, on the other the word *Θεσσαλονίκεων*.

5. **μημπονεύετε]** On this verb see the note on 1 Thess. i. 3.

Ἐτι ἀν πρὸς ὑμᾶς] That the purport of St Paul's preaching at Thessalonica had mainly reference to the second coming of Christ, appears also from Acts xvii. 7, 'These all do contrary to the decrees of Cæsar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus.' See more fully in *Biblical Essays*, p. 260 sq. For the construction *εἴναι πρός τινα* see the note on 1 Thess. iii. 4.

6. **καὶ νῦν]** The *νῦν* appears on the whole to be logical and not temporal: 'Well then, ye know.' These particles are frequently so used. Instances are Acts vii. 34 (LXX.), x. 5, xiii. 11, xx. 22, xxii. 16, 1 John ii. 28 (in all of which passages the temporal sense of *νῦν* is more or less eclipsed). This usage is particularly noticeable with *οἶδα* following, e.g.

Acts iii. 17 καὶ νῦν, ἀδελφοί, οἴδα ὅτι κατὰ ἄγνοιαν ἐπράξατε and probably xx.
25 καὶ νῦν ἵδον ἐγώ οἴδα ὅτι οὐκέτι ὄψεσθε κ.τ.λ.

It is possible however that *νῦν* may be temporal here as opposed not to *ὅτι ἄν*, which would give no good sense, but to *ἐν τῷ αὐτοῦ καιρῷ*. For though in this case we should naturally expect *τὸ νῦν κατέχον*, the displacement of *νῦν* is to be explained by the desire of emphasizing the adverb : ‘and as to the present time ye know what it is that restraineth.’ Compare John iv. 18 καὶ νῦν ὅν ἔχεις οὐκ ἔστω σου ἀνήρ, where the more natural order would certainly be *ὅν νῦν ἔχεις*. See instances of displacement especially in temporal adverbs given in Winer § lxi. p. 692 sq. Observe this is a very different thing from saying that *νῦν τὸ κατέχον* is equivalent to *τὸ νῦν κατέχον*. In the case before us the *νῦν* is taken absolutely.

τὸ κατέχον] ‘the restraining power,’ afterwards personified in *ὁ κατέχων*. The Apostle seems to intend some intermediate power, between Christ and Antichrist, which, without being directly Christian, acts as a check upon Antichrist; such as the principle of law or order, civil government and the like. Of this restraining principle he would find a type in the Roman Empire.

εἰς τὸ ἀποκαλυφθῆναι] The preposition signifies the purpose of God : ‘to the end that he, the man of sin, may be revealed at his proper, destined, season, and not before it.’

7. *τὸ γάρ κ.τ.λ.*] ‘Revealed, I say, rather than called into existence ; for in fact the evil is already working, though in secret.’ *Τὸ μυστήριον τῆς ἀνομίας* may be contrasted with *τὸ μυστήριον τῆς εὐσεβείας* in 1 Tim. iii. 16 and with *τὸ μυστήριον τῆς πίστεως* in 1 Tim. iii. 9, by which terms St Paul describes the Christian dispensation with especial reference to the revelation of God in the Incarnation. The parallelism between Christ and Antichrist is thus kept up : see especially ver. 9. Compare also Joseph. B. J. i. 24. 1 *τὸν Ἀντιπάτρον βίον οὐκ ἀν ἀμάρτοι τις εἰπὼν κακίας μυστήριον*. On the word *μυστήριον* see the note on Col. i. 26.

ἐνεργεῖται] See the note on 1 Thess. ii. 13.

τῆς ἀνομίας] The genitive is thrown back to the end of the sentence, in order to give priority to the words of logical importance in the sentence—viz. ‘mystery,’ ‘already,’ ‘is active’; in antithesis to ‘revealed,’ ‘in his own time,’ ‘that which hindereth.’

μόνον κ.τ.λ.] The sentence is elliptical, but the ellipsis is supplied in the wrong place in the E. V. which renders ‘only he that now letteth (will let), until he be taken out of the way.’ The true ellipsis is after *μόνον*, and *ὁ κατέχων ἄρτι* is connected with what follows as the nominative to *γένηται*. Render : ‘Only it must work in secret, must be unrevealed, until he that restraineth now be taken out of the way.’ For an exact parallel both to the ellipsis after *μόνον*, and to the position of *ὁ κατέχων ἄρτι* before the relative word *ἴσως* for the sake of emphasis, see Gal. ii. 10 *μόνον τῶν πτωχῶν ἵνα μημονεύσωμεν* with the note.

ὁ κατέχων ἄρτι] The hindrance which was before spoken of as a

principle (*rò katéχov*) is here personified. If a person were contemplated, it is extremely improbable that the neuter gender would have been used in the other passage, whereas conversely it is a natural figure of speech in all languages to ascribe a personality to a thing. In this instance the way was paved for such personification by the fact that one of the contending powers is embodied in a person in Christ.

On ἀπτι see the note on 1 Thess. iii. 6.

[*Ἐως γένηται*] The omission of *ἀν* with *ἔως* and the conjunctive seems to be more frequent in later writers than in earlier; see Winer § xli. p. 370. The distinction which Hermann gives (*de Partic. ἀν* pp. 103, 109), that the insertion of the *ἀν* makes the time more indefinite and therefore in many cases the action less immediate or less certain, is just in principle, and the passages in the New Testament, if they do not strongly confirm it, seem to be not inconsistent with it. The English expressions ‘until it be removed’ and ‘until it may be removed’ would represent *ἔως γένηται* and *ἔως ἀν γένηται* here respectively.

8. ὁ ἄνομος] The same with ὁ ἄνθρωπος τῆς ἀνομίας of ver. 3, and probably a personification like *ὁ κατέχων*.

[*ὁ Κύριος*] The word *'Ιησοῦς* is omitted in the received text with BKL and several other MSS. The weight of authority however, especially of the versions, is in its favour; it is retained in NA and D *primā manū*, and it was perhaps omitted on the supposition that St Paul was quoting directly from Is. xi. 4 (see the next note) instead of, as is the case, paraphrasing the passage.

[*ἀνελεῖ*] This reading is much better supported than the received *ἀναλώσει* and is the reading in Is. xi. 4 *καὶ πατάξει γῆν τῷ λόγῳ τοῦ στόματος αὐτοῦ* (originally בְּשַׁבָּט פִּי 'by the scourge of his mouth') *καὶ ἐν πνεύματι διὰ χειλέων ἀνελεῖ ἀστεβῆ*. Moreover *ἀναλώσει* is more likely to be a gloss than *ἀνελεῖ*, being the more definite word. It is however worth consideration whether the *ἀναλοῦ* of the Sinaitic manuscript be not the original reading, since it explains both variants. The Hebrew is מִיחַ 'he shall slay.' It is a question here whether *τῷ πνεύματι τοῦ στόματος αὐτοῦ* is to be taken (1) as a single phrase, ‘by His mere command’: or (2) as an image of power, ‘by the breath of His lips.’ The former seems to be certainly the sense in the original passage of Isaiah, judging by the parallelism. Indeed it was a common Hebrew expression in this sense: see the Rabbinical passages cited in Wetstein. On the other hand, the latter is the image present to the mind of the Apostle, if we are to be guided by the context. The phrases ‘the breath of His lips,’ ‘the brightness of His presence,’ will point to some physical manifestation of the Divine power. For the image compare Plautus *Mil. Glor.* i. 1. 16 sq. ‘nempe illum dicis cum armis aureis, Quoius tu legiones difflavisti spiritu, quasi ventus folia.’

[*καταργήσει*] A word more than once used by St Paul in opposition to ‘light’ as if with a sense of ‘darkening,’ ‘eclipsing’: e.g. 2 Tim. i. 10 *καταργήσαντος μὲν τὸν θάνατον, φωτίσαντος δὲ ζωὴν καὶ ἀφθαρσίαν*, 2 Cor. iii.

7 διὰ τὴν δόξαν τοῦ προσώπου αὐτοῦ τὴν καταργουμένην, 1 Cor. ii. 7 σοφίαν οὐ...τῶν ἀρχόντων τοῦ αἰώνος τούτου τῶν καταργουμένων' ἀλλὰ...σοφίαν...ἥν προώρισεν ὁ Θεὸς...εἰς δόξαν ἡμῶν with the notes on the last passage. For the word *καταργεῖν* generally see Vaughan on Rom. iii. 3.

τῇ ἐπιφανείᾳ τῆς παρουσίας αὐτοῦ] The word *ἐπιφάνεια* is a recognized term even in heathen writers for the appearance of a God at a critical moment. Compare especially Wesseling on Diod. Sic. i. 25. In the New Testament it is used by St Paul alone, and with this single exception only in the Pastoral Epistles, referring either to the First (2 Tim. i. 10) or the Second Advent (1 Tim. vi. 14, 2 Tim. iv. 1, 8, Tit. ii. 13) of our Lord. Hence it became a common word with the Fathers in this signification. It is moreover sometimes applied in ecclesiastical writers to saints or martyrs : see Greg. Naz. *Orat.* iii. p. 77 A (cited by Wesseling). For more on the word *ἐπιφάνεια* and the corresponding *θεοφάνεια* (or -*via*) see Suicer s. vv.

The word seems always to involve an idea of that which is striking and conspicuous, and so ultimately of splendour or glory—an idea to a certain extent implied in the compound *ἐπιφαίνω* (comp. Tit. ii. 11 *ἐπεφάνη γὰρ ἡ χάρις τοῦ Θεοῦ* and iii. 4, of the revelation of God's purpose in Christ). And this is further enforced here by the accumulation of words *τῇ ἐπιφανείᾳ τῆς παρουσίας*. See the note on *καταργήσει* above, which points to brightness as a prominent idea in the word here. The language of Milton (*Par. Lost* vi. 768) 'Far off His coming shone' is appositely quoted by Alford.

παρουσίας] The word *παρουσία* of the Lord's Advent occurs in St Paul only in the Thessalonian Epistles and possibly 1 Cor. xv. 23. In 1 Cor. i. 8 the right reading is *ἡμέρᾳ*. Elsewhere it is found in St James, the Second Epistle of St Peter and 1 John. It would seem to be the strictly Jewish term ; while *ἐπιφάνεια* appealed more directly to the Greek mind, and was used more frequently by St Paul, when he became more thoroughly busied with the conversion of the Greeks.

It will be observed that St Paul here, speaking in prophetic language, falls instinctively into the characteristic parallelism of Hebrew poetry. For St Paul's change of style in apocalyptic passages see above on 1 Thess. v. 3 *ῳδίν*, 2 Thess. i. 7.

9. The counterfeit character of the Antichrist, which has been alluded to before (especially vv. 3, 4), is still further enforced here. He too like the true Christ has an Advent ; he too works in obedience to a superior power ; he too has his miracles and signs.

ἴστιν] The present tense is used here, as below in *πέμπει* ver. 11, in accordance with the ordinary language of prophecy. See the note on 1 Thess. v. 2 *ἔρχεται*.

Σατανᾶ] See the note on 1 Thess. ii. 18.

ἐν πάσῃ δυνάμει κ.τ.λ.] Both *πάσῃ* and *ψεύδους* seem to refer to all the three substantives, binding them, as it were, together. For a similar

instance see ver. 17 ἐν παντὶ ἔργῳ καὶ λόγῳ ἀγαθῷ. For the combination of terms δυνάμει καὶ σημείοις καὶ τέραστι, compare Acts ii. 22 δυνάμεσι καὶ τέρασι καὶ σημείοις and 2 Cor. xii. 12 σημείοις καὶ τέραστι καὶ δυνάμεσιν, Hebr. ii. 4 σημείοις τε καὶ τέραστι καὶ ποικιλαις δυνάμεσιν, Rom. xv. 19 ἐν δυνάμει σημείων καὶ τεράτων. Of these three words the first (*δύναμις*) points to the author of the miracle, absolutely; while the two last relate to the impression made on the witness, whether as enlightening his understanding (*σημεῖα*), or as arresting his moral sense (*τέρατα*). Thus *σημεῖα* and *τέρατα* are connected closely together where they occur, while *δύναμις (-eis)* is independent of either. For a full discussion of these words see Trench *On the Miracles* ch. i and *N. T. Syn.* § xci.

10. ἀδικίας] Here used in its most general sense of wrong-doing. Any act which disturbs the moral balance is an act of ἀδικία. Compare the account of the δλη ἀδικία given by the Aristotelian author of Bk v. of the *Nicomachean Ethics* ch. i ad fin. αὗτη μὲν οὖν ἡ δικαιοσύνη οὐ μέρος ἀρετῆς ἀλλ ὅλη ἀρετή ἔστι· οὐδὲ ἡ ἐναντία ἀδικία μέρος κακίας ἀλλ ὅλη κακία. This comprehensive sense of δικαιοσύνη and ἀδικία would be adopted the more naturally in the New Testament from the technical meaning attached to δίκαιος as one who fulfilled the law.

τοῖς ἀπολλυμένοις] The participle is connected closely with ἀπάτῃ, for the *ἐν* of the received text is to be rejected on overwhelming authority. For the present tense of ἀπολλυμένοις see the note on 1 Cor. i. 18, where the same phrase occurs.

ἀνθ' ὧν] ‘because,’ the sense which it always bears in the New Testament except Luke xii. 3. It will signify either ‘because’ or ‘wherefore,’ according as the relative is supposed to contain the antecedent in itself, or is referred to the preceding clause as its antecedent.

τὴν ἀγάπην τῆς ἀληθείας] Stronger than τὴν ἀλήθειαν simply, and corresponding therefore to the εὐδοκήσαντες τῇ ἀδικίᾳ of ver. 12. For the different gradations which would be expressed by τὴν ἀλήθειαν and τὴν ἀγάπην τῆς ἀληθείας compare Rom. i. 32 οὐ μόνον αὐτὰ ποιοῦσιν, ἀλλὰ καὶ συνευδοκοῦσι τοῖς πράσσοντιν. Not only did they reject the truth, but they have no desire to possess it.

11. Three stages are here described in the downward career of the wicked. *First*, their obstinately setting themselves against the truth: this is their own act (*τὴν ἀγάπην τῆς ἀληθείας οὐκ ἐδέξαντο*). *Secondly*, the judicial infatuation which overtakes them at a certain point: they are then scarcely their own masters, it is a *divine judgment* (*διὰ τοῦτο πέμπει αὐτοῖς ὁ Θεὸς ἐνέργειαν πλάνης*). *Thirdly*, their final punishment, for which the second stage was an ordained preparation (*ἵνα κριθῶσιν πάντες κ.τ.λ.*).

The same three stages are portrayed in the description of the heathen world in the first chapter of the Romans, the second being there dwelt on with a fearful earnestness and, as here, represented as a visitation from God; διὸ παρέδωκεν αὐτοὺς ὁ Θεὸς ἐν ταῖς ἐπιθυμίαις τῶν καρδιῶν αὐτῶν εἰς ἀκαθαρσίαν (ver. 24).

For the discussion of this and similar expressions see the notes on the Epistle to the Romans *ad loc.*

θιὰ τοῦτο] i.e. because they did not welcome the love of the truth.

πέμπει] the prophetic present (see note on *ἐστίν* ver. 9), which not having been understood is altered into *πέμψει* in the received text.

ἐνέργειαν πλάνης] A strong expression which it is difficult to render adequately in English. It is not only that they resign themselves passively to the current of deceit. They are active as the champions of falsehood. They begin by closing their hearts to the truth. They end by being strenuous promoters of error.

εἰς τὸ πιστεῖνσαι] The phrase sets forth the immediate purpose of their delusion, as *ἵνα κριθῶσιν* describes its ultimate end and object. It is of little consequence here to enquire how far the particular expression *εἰς τὸ πιστεῖνσαι* denotes a purpose of the divine agent, and how far merely a result (see note on 1 Thess. ii. 16 *εἰς τὸ ἀναπληρώσαι*). It is clear that the main sentence implies a divine leading, and such moreover is the language elsewhere used by St Paul of this judicial blindness.

τῷ ψεύδει] ‘*the lie.*’ The universe is divided between the false and the true, the one ranged against the other. Hence *τὸ ψεύδος* is opposed to *ἡ ἀλήθεια*.

The frequency in St Paul, and more especially in St John, of the representation of the contrast between belief and disbelief as one of truth and falsehood suggests two reflections. (1) Inasmuch as *ἡ ἀλήθεια* is not in itself an obvious term for a particular dispensation or system, its adoption is a token of the deep impression which the Gospel made upon the Apostles, as answering to their natural cravings and satisfying their difficulties, thus producing the conviction of its truthfulness. (2) The use of these words is a striking example of the New Testament doctrine of the connexion between faith and practice. To believe is to act. ‘Truth’ and ‘falsehood’ are terms belonging not more to the intellectual than to the moral world. Wrong-doing is a lie, for it is a denial of God’s sovereignty; right-doing is a truth, for it is a confession of the same. Compare especially for this thought Rev. xxii. 15 *πᾶς φιλῶν καὶ ποιῶν ψεύδος*, and again Ephes. iv. 25 *διὸ ἀποθέμενοι τὸ ψεύδος, λαλεῖτε ἀλήθειαν ἔκαστος μετὰ τοῦ πλησίου αὐτοῦ* where the Apostle is speaking chiefly of profligacy of life. In short, ‘truth’ and ‘falsehood’ cover the whole domain of morality. So it is here more the moral than the intellectual aspect which is contemplated, as the opposition in the next verse shows, ‘who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.’

12. **κριθῶσι]** ‘*be judged*,’ ‘*called to account*,’ and so condemned. On the Pauline use of *κρίνειν* and its compounds and the distinction in meaning between them see *On a Fresh Revision of the English New Testament* (ed. 3 p. 69 sq.).

εὑδοκήσαντες τῇ ἀδικίᾳ] The weight of authority is in favour of omitting

ἐν before τῇ ἀδικίᾳ, and probably it should be omitted. The constructions of the word in the LXX. are τι and ἐν τινὶ frequently, ἐπὶ τινὶ (Judith xv. 11) and τινὶ (1 Macc. i. 45), these last two constructions apparently only once each. In the New Testament we find generally ἐν τινὶ, εἰς τι once (2 Pet. i. 17), τι twice (Matth. xii. 18 and Heb. x. 6, both being quotations from the Old Testament), but never simply τινὶ. On the other hand the simple dative is the common use in profane writers. Thus there is no improbability in εὐδοκήσαντες τῇ ἀδικίᾳ here, and perhaps the preposition was added to conform to the ordinary New Testament usage.

iii. *Thanksgiving and exhortation repeated; a prayer for their strengthening in the faith (ii. 13—17).*

13. ‘But far different is our fortune. While they are awaiting their condemnation, it is our business to rejoice over your salvation.’

ἡμεῖς δὲ] ‘we,’ i.e. Paul and Silvanus and Timotheus. The more natural opposition to τοῖς ἀπολλυμένοις would have been ἡμεῖς, yet the interests were sufficiently identified with those of their converts to admit of the language in the text.

ἡγαπημένοι ὑπὸ Κύρου] i.e. ‘the Lord Jesus Christ,’ as seems probable both (1) from the fact that the word *Kύρος* is almost universally so applied by St Paul; and (2) from its occurrence here between τῷ Θεῷ and ὦ Θεός. If on the other hand in 1 Thess. i. 4 the expression is ἀδελφοὶ ἡγαπημένοι ὑπὸ Θεοῦ, this will not weigh strongly, the love of God in giving His own Son and the love of Christ in dying for us equally affording matter for contemplation, and the latter being introduced even more frequently than the former at least by St Paul. Compare Rom. viii. 37, 2 Cor. v. 14, Gal. ii. 20, Ephes. iii. 19, v. 2, 25, as against Rom. v. 8, 2 Cor. xiii. 13, Ephes. ii. 4.

εἰλατο] The word does not occur elsewhere in the New Testament in this meaning, which is generally expressed by ἐκλέγεσθαι or προορίζειν. Indeed *aipetisθai* is a rare word in any sense, being found only in two other passages, Phil. i. 22, Heb. xi. 25. It is not common in the LXX. either: compare however Deut. xxvi. 18.

On the Alexandrian form εἰλατο, which is probably correct here, see Lobeck *Phryn.* pp. 183, 724, Winer § xiii. p. 86. Other examples found in St Paul are ἐξέλθατε (2 Cor. vi. 17), and the aorist of πίπτειν and its compounds ἔπεσαν (1 Cor. x. 8), ἐπέπεσαν (Rom. xv. 3), ἐξεπέσατε (Gal. v. 4).

ἀπ' ἀρχῆς] is perhaps the best supported reading, and on the whole is better suited to the context, bringing out the distinction between the original purpose of God and the historical fulfilment of that purpose. The phrase itself however does not occur elsewhere in St Paul, who expresses the eternal decrees of God by such phrases as πρὸ τῶν αἰώνων (1 Cor. ii. 7), πρὸ καταβολῆς κόσμου (Ephes. i. 4) and the like. On the

other hand, the reading ἀπαρχὴν has very considerable support, including B, and is very unlikely to have been substituted for ἀπ' ἀρχῆς, if the latter had stood in the original text. The Thessalonians converted on this his first visit (of which he speaks elsewhere as ἀρχὴ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου Phil. iv. 15) might fairly be classed among the 'firstfruits' of Macedonia or of Europe, no less than those Philippians whose conversion preceded that of the Thessalonians by a few weeks. For ἀπαρχὴ (a rather favourite word with St Paul) compare 1 Cor. xvi. 15 ἀπαρχὴ τῆς Ἀχαιας, and Rom. xvi. 5 ἀπαρχὴ τῆς Ἀσίας, where the Codex Bezae has ἀπ' ἀρχῆς *primā manū* and is followed in this by some western authorities.

ἐν ἀγιασμῷ κ.τ.λ.] The sentence is to be connected with εἰλατο εἰς σωτηρίαν, describing wherein the call to salvation consisted.

ἐν ἀγιασμῷ πνεύματος] '*in sanctification of (or by) the Spirit*' : πνεῦμα being here the Holy Spirit, an interpretation to which the absence of the article will offer no impediment. Such appears certainly to be the meaning of the same expression in 1 Pet. i. 2, a passage which has many points of resemblance with this, ἀπόστολος...κατὰ πρόγνωσιν Θεοῦ πατρός, ἐν ἀγιασμῷ πνεύματος, εἰς ὑπακοὴν καὶ ράντισμὸν αἵματος Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, where the mention of the three Persons of the Holy Trinity cannot fail to be noticed. Moreover, if the expression be so interpreted here, the difficulty in the order of the words vanishes. The operation of the Spirit is first mentioned (*ἐν ἀγιασμῷ πνεύματος*), then the reception of the truth on the part of the person influenced (*ἐν πίστει ἀληθείας*).

ἀληθείας] is the objective genitive; 'the faithful acceptance of the truth,' in contrast to *οἱ μὴ πιστεύσαντες τῇ ἀληθείᾳ* ver. 12, thus explaining the opposition expressed in *ἡμεῖς δέ*.

14. εἰς δὲ] 'whereunto,' 'to which state,' referring to the whole expression εἰς σωτηρίαν ἐν ἀγιασμῷ κ.τ.λ.

ἐκάλεσεν] 'called you,' as the fulfilment of the fore-ordained purpose expressed in εἰλατο. The Gospel preached by us was the instrument whereby He accomplishes His purpose. Compare Rom. viii. 30 οὐς δὲ προώρισεν, τούτους καὶ ἐκάλεσεν.

ἡμᾶς] The authority in favour of ημᾶς (Lachmann's reading) is somewhat strong: but the context so obviously requires ημᾶς and the confusion between the two words is so frequent, that we can scarcely hesitate to retain ημᾶς with the received text. Lachmann places a comma after ημᾶς, and this is necessary if we adopt this reading; but in any case διὰ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου ημῶν does not go so well with εἰς σωτηρίαν κ.τ.λ. as with ἐκάλεσεν.

τοῦ εὐαγγελίου ημῶν] 'the gospel which we preach.' See the references given in the note to 1 Thess. i. 5. The term εὐαγγέλιον seems first to have been applied to a written Gospel by Irenaeus (*Haer.* iii. 11. 8).

ἡμῶν] i.e. of Paul, Silvanus and Timotheus. The different usage of τὸ εὐαγγέλιον μον and τὸ εὐαγγέλιον ημῶν in St Paul is a crucial test of the force of his first person plural: see the note on 1 Thess. ii. 4 τὰς καρδίας ημῶν.

εἰς περιποίησιν δόξης] This may mean either (1) ‘in order that we might obtain the glory,’ or (2) ‘in order that He might adopt us into, invest us with, the glory.’ For the expression itself see the note on 1 Thess. v. 9 *εἰς περιποίησιν σωτηρίας*.

The three stages here enumerated are (1) the predestination on the part of God (*εἰλάτο*); (2) the historical fulfilment of that purpose (*ἐκάλεσεν*); (3) the glorious consummation (*εἰς περιποίησιν δόξης*). The same gradations occur, with steps interpolated, in Rom. viii. 29, 30 (part of which has been already quoted) *οὓς προέγνω καὶ προώρισεν...οὓς δὲ προώρισεν τούτους καὶ ἐκάλεσεν· καὶ οὓς ἐκάλεσεν, τούτους καὶ ἐδικαίωσεν· οὓς δὲ ἐδικαίωσεν, τούτους καὶ ἐδόξασεν.* See the notes on Eph. i. 4—11, a passage which presents many affinities with the above.

15. *ἄρα οὖν στήκετε]* For *ἄρα οὖν* see the note on 1 Thess. v. 6: for *στήκετε* the note on 1 Thess. iii. 8.

The drift of the Apostle’s ‘therefore’ is best apprehended by Phil. ii. 12, 13 ‘work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to work etc.’ ‘Your election should be an encouragement to you in well-doing, and not an occasion of carelessness.’

τὰς παραδόσιες] The passage before us is a direct negative of the distinction which gained ground in later times between the written word and oral tradition, as if the authority of the latter were sanctioned by the use of *παράδοσις* in scripture. ‘Tradition’ in the scriptural sense of the word may be either written or oral. It is a synonyme for ‘teaching,’ implying on the part of the teacher a confession that he was not expressing his own ideas, but *delivering* or *handing on* a message that he had received from heaven. Compare the use of the words *παραδιδόναι*, *παραλαμβάνειν*, *παραγγέλλειν* (the last being used in classical Greek of transmitting the word of command); and see especially 1 Cor. xi. 23 ἐγὼ γὰρ παρέλαβον ἀπὸ τοῦ Κυρίου, ὁ καὶ παρέδωκα, of the institution of the Eucharist. The prominent idea of *παράδοσις* then in the New Testament is that of an authority external to the teacher himself. The opposition between *παράδοσις*, as *ἄγραφος*, and *γραφὴ* does not exist in the word itself, and is not sanctioned by the New Testament usage. Such an opposition in fact was impossible under the circumstances of the case before the era of the written Gospels, when instruction was still mainly conveyed by word of mouth. The matter of a *παράδοσις* would be various. What class of subjects were included under the term may be seen from 1 Cor. xi. 23, already cited, or 1 Cor. xi. 2 (of certain practical regulations), xv. 3 (of the facts of the Resurrection). On the ecclesiastical sense of the word see Suicer s. v. Ellicott (*ad loc.*) refers to Möhler’s *Symbolik* § 38, p. 361 sq. for a defence of the Roman Catholic doctrine. See also his other references.

εἴτε διὰ λόγου κ.τ.λ.] Not as E. V. ‘whether by word or our epistle,’ for *ἡμῶν* refers to both substantives: render ‘whether by word or by letter of ours.’ *Ἐπιστολῆς* may refer solely to our first Epistle, but in

itself is quite general. On the question whether any of St Paul's Epistles have been lost see the note on iii. 17 ἐν πάσῃ ἐπιστολῇ, and a fuller treatment of the subject in *Philippians*, p. 138 sq. Observe the difference of expression here and ii. 2 ἐπιστολῆς ὡς δι' ήμῶν.

16. **αὐτὸς δέ]** is opposed to **ήμῶν**. The Apostle suddenly checks himself. 'All our instructions,' he says, 'will be in vain, unless the Lord Himself stablish you.' With **αὐτὸς δὲ** here compare 1 Thess. iii. 11, v. 23, and 2 Thess. iii. 16, and see the note on the first of these passages.

We cannot fail to be struck with the similarity of structure between the first and second Epistles. Both are divided into two parts, the first being chiefly narrative or explanatory, and the second hortatory: the second part in both commences in much the same way (compare 1 Thess. iv. 1 λοιπὸν οὖν, ἀδελφοὶ κ.τ.λ. with 2 Thess. iii. 1 τὸ λοιπὸν προσεύχεσθε, ἀδελφοί): and each part in both Epistles concludes with a prayer couched in similar language, **αὐτὸς δὲ κ.τ.λ.**

There are considerable variations in the MSS., chiefly as to the position of the articles: but on the whole the weight of evidence is in favour of reading ὁ Κύριος ημῶν Ἰησοῦς Χριστὸς καὶ Θεὸς ὁ πατὴρ ημῶν. Lachmann still further inserts the article before **Χριστὸς** on the slenderest authority (A and one cursive), apparently for the sake of the parallelism **Ἰησοῦς ὁ Χριστὸς** and **Θεὸς ὁ πατὴρ**. But the chiasm in the reading adopted, ὁ Κύριος ημῶν answering to ὁ πατὴρ ημῶν and **Θεὸς** corresponding to **Ἰησοῦς Χριστός**, is much more after St Paul's manner. Of the variants the insertion of the article before **Θεὸς** is the most worthy of consideration, and has the support of B K and D *prima manu*.

The usual order of the names of the Father and Son is reversed here, as in the apostolic benediction η̄ χάρις τοῦ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ καὶ ἀγάπη τοῦ Θεοῦ κ.τ.λ. (2 Cor. xiii. 13).

ὁ πατὴρ ημῶν] When **ημῶν** is added there seems always to be a more emphatic reference to His fatherly tenderness and protection, as here.

ὁ ἀγαπῆσας ημᾶς] These words ought probably to be referred to **Θεὸς ὁ πατὴρ ημῶν** alone; though it is difficult to see how St Paul could otherwise have expressed his thought, if he had intended it to refer to the Son, as well as the Father. There is probably no instance in St Paul of a plural adjective or verb, where the two Persons of the Godhead are mentioned. At least both here and in 1 Thess. iii. 11 the singular verb is, as it would seem, designedly employed. See also the note on 1 Thess. l. c.

The aorist **ἀγαπῆσας** (not **ἀγαπῶν**) refers to the act of His love in giving His Son to die for us. Compare John iii. 16 οὗτος γὰρ ἡγάπησεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν κόσμον, ὅπερ εἰ. This act is the source of all our consolation and hope.

παράκλησιν, θλιψίαν 'consolation and encouragement in the present, hope for the future.'

αἰώνιαν 'never-failing,' 'inexhaustible.' **Αἰώνιος** is generally an adjective of two terminations, Hebr. ix. 12 being the only other exception in the New Testament.

ἐν χάριτι] ‘as an act of grace,’ i.e. without any claims or deserving on our part. These words refer to the whole clause ὁ ἀγαπήσας ήμᾶς καὶ δοὺς κ.τ.λ. They are used in this sense in Rom. v. 15, 2 Cor. i. 12, Gal. i. 6. Other passages however, as Col. iii. 16, iv. 6, 2 Tim. ii. 1, 2 Pet. iii. 18, perhaps suggest a different interpretation, ‘by the possession of grace,’ as a Christian virtue, and possibly the E. V. intended this by the rendering ‘through grace.’ The former interpretation however is more natural.

17. **στηρίξαι**] A furtherance and confirmation of the work begun in **παρακαλέσαι**. On **παρακαλεῖν** see the note on 1 Thess. ii. 11.

παντὶ ἐργῷ καὶ λόγῳ ἀγαθῷ] Here the adjectives **παντὶ** and **ἀγαθῷ** refer to both the intervening nouns. For a similar instance of a sentence bound together by the first and last words see ver. 9 above.

The order **ἐργῷ καὶ λόγῳ** is much better supported than that of the received text which reverses the words, and is capable of an easy explanation. ‘May the grace of God extend not to your works only, but to your words also,’ i.e. be exhibited in minor as in greater matters.

CHAPTER III.

3. HORTATORY PORTION, iii. 1—16.

i. *Exhortation to prayer, and anticipation of their progress in faith* (iii. 1—5).

1. *Tὸ λοιπὸν]* ‘Finally.’ On the meaning of this phrase and the position it occupies in St Paul’s Epistles, as ushering in the conclusion, see the note on 1 Thess. iv. 1.

προσεύχεσθε περὶ ἡμῶν] literally ‘make us the subject of your prayers’; and so the phrase becomes equivalent to, though slightly weaker than, *προσεύχεσθε ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν*.

ὁ λόγος τοῦ Κυρίου] See the note on 1 Thess. i. 8.

τρέχῃ καὶ δοξάζηται] ‘may have a triumphant career.’ *Τρέχῃ* ‘may speed onward,’ with an allusion apparently to Ps. cxvii. 15 ἕως τάχους δραμεῖται ὁ λόγος αὐτοῦ. *Δοξάζηται* ‘may be received with honour.’ See Acts xiii. 48 ἐδόξαζον τὸν λόγον τοῦ Θεοῦ, of the heathen population of the Pisidian Antioch.

2. *ἴνα ῥυσθῶμεν]* It is surely a mistaken zeal for the honour of the Apostle, which refuses to see in this prayer a ‘shrinking of the flesh,’ in other words an instinct of self-preservation. No one else would be blamed for praying to be delivered from his enemies, irrespectively of any great work which depended on his life; and it is not easy to see how such a desire is unworthy of an Apostle. That the personal feeling does come in here appears from the form of the sentence *ἴνα...τρέχῃ...καὶ ίνα ῥυσθῶμεν*. If the Apostle had had no further motive in wishing to live than the furtherance of the Gospel, we might expect the words to run *ἴνα ῥυσθῶμεν...καὶ τρέχῃ*. For the form and purport of this prayer compare Rom. xv. 30, 31.

ἀτόπων] The word signifies ‘out of place,’ and hence in later writers ‘impracticable, perverse, irregular, outrageous.’ Hence *ἄτοπα ποιεῖν* and *πράττειν* is not an uncommon phrase in later Greek for ‘to commit an outrage,’ both in profane writers and in the LXX. Indeed this moral sense of *ἄτοπος* seems to be the common one in the later Greek. See Philo *Leg. Alleg.* iii. § 17, 1. p. 97 (ed. Mangey) *ἄτοπος λέγεται εἶναι ὁ φαῦλος*. *ἄτοπον δέ ἔστι κακὸν δύσθετον*, and other references given in Ellicott.

οὐ γὰρ πάντων ἡ πίστις] ‘for the faith,’ i.e. the Gospel, ‘is not the portion of all.’ The ordinary usage of ἡ πίστις in the New Testament seems to require this translation here, e.g. Gal. vi. 10 τοὺς οἰκείους τῆς πίστεως. See the note there, and for a discussion of the word πίστις, *Galatians*, p. 154 sq. The expression ‘not all’ is a common litotes in all languages for ‘the few,’ as in the proverbial expression οὐ παντὸς ἀνθρὸς εἰς Κόρωνθον ἐσθὶ ὁ πλοῦς.

To what enemies does St Paul here allude? The answer must be supplied by a comparison of the passage before us with the notices in the Acts relating to this period of the Apostle’s life. (1) The enemies here spoken of are without the pale of the Church. They are not of ‘the household of the faith.’ There is no reason to suppose that St Paul had much to fear at this early stage from the Judaizing Christians, from whom he suffered so much persecution subsequently; nor is it probable that their hostility, though systematically attacking his influence, ever endangered his life. It is arbitrary to explain οὐ πάντων ἐστὶν ἡ πίστις ‘all who profess Christianity are not genuine believers’; and still more unjustifiable to interpret οἱ ἀπειθοῦντες ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαιᾳ (Rom. xv. 31) of Judaizing Christians. (2) The narrative in the Acts points to the Jews, as the authors of St Paul’s sufferings during this visit to Greece. They persecuted him at Thessalonica itself (xvii. 5) and Berea (xvii. 13). His preaching at Corinth, from which city this letter was written, was likewise interrupted, and his life endangered, by them (Acts xviii. 12 sq.). And throughout these Epistles it is evident that St Paul regards them, rather than the heathen, as the most determined opponents of the Gospel. See 1 Thess. ii. 14 and the notes there.

3. πιστὸς δὲ] Suggested by the foregoing οὐ γὰρ πάντων ἡ πίστις. ‘Men may be faithless, but God is faithful.’ Compare 2 Tim. ii. 13 εἰ ἀπιστοῦμεν, ἔκεινος πιστὸς μένει, Rom. iii. 3 μὴ ἡ ἀπιστία αὐτῶν τὴν πίστιν τοῦ Θεοῦ καταργήσει; At the same time, this opposition should not lead us to give to ἡ πίστις in the preceding verse the sense of ‘fidelity,’ while other considerations are strongly in favour of the objective sense ‘the faith.’ For (1) the Gospel is a life, and the objective (‘the faith’) and subjective (‘faith’) are so closely bound together that the one more or less involves the other. (2) Even setting aside this indirect antagonism of meaning, the appeal to the ear would be sufficient to recommend this paronomasia, as a means of riveting attention. For instances of this imperfect connexion in sense in St Paul, compare 1 Cor. iii. 17 εἴ τις τὸν ναὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ φθείρει, φθερεῖ τούτον ὁ Θεός, xi. 29 κρίμα ἔαυτῷ ἐσθίει καὶ πίνει, μὴ διακρίνων τὸ σῶμα. See also the note below on ver. 11.

καὶ φυλάξει] i.e. ‘He will not only place you in a firm position, but also maintain you there against assaults from without.’

ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηροῦ] It is questioned whether this phrase should be rendered ‘from evil’ or ‘from the Evil One.’ The latter seems the more probable rendering, for as in an Attic writer the genius of the language

would at once point to τὸ πονηρὸν 'evil' as a principle; so on the other hand in the New Testament the frequency of ὁ πονηρὸς compared with τὸ πονηρὸν is strongly in favour of the masculine. There are but two certain instances of the neuter, Luke vi. 45 ὁ πονηρὸς ἐκ τοῦ πονηροῦ προφέρει τὸ πονηρὸν and Rom. xii. 9 ἀποστυγοῦντες τὸ πονηρόν, where in both cases it is directly opposed to τὸ ἄγαθόν. On the other hand the masculine is certainly employed in no less than eight passages (Matt. v. 37, xiii. 19, 38, 49, Eph. vi. 16, 1 Joh. ii. 13, 14, iii. 12, v. 18, 19). In Matt. v. 39 μὴ ἀντιστῆναι τῷ πονηρῷ (E. V. 'that ye resist not evil') the context seems to support the rendering 'the evil man' (comp. 1 Joh. v. 19), for it goes on ἀλλ' ὅστις κ.τ.λ. In John xvii. 15 ἵνα τηρήσῃς αὐτὸν ἐκ τοῦ πονηροῦ, as in the present passage, there seems to be an indirect allusion to the Lord's prayer.

The rendering adopted in the clause of the Lord's prayer ought probably to decide the meaning in these two last cases; but here again there is an ambiguity. The question must be decided mainly on two issues: (1) the comparison of any Jewish formularies, which our Lord may be found to have sanctioned and embodied in this compendium of prayer; and (2) the traditional interpretation of the prayer itself, for this is exactly an instance in which tradition would be especially valuable and might be expected to be tolerably consistent. With regard to Jewish formularies the passages collected in Wetstein on Matth. vi. 13 are on the whole in favour of the masculine. That the expression 'the Evil One' was not uncommon in early Rabbinical writings is evidenced from its use in such passages as *Midrash Shemoth Rabbah* c. 21 'God delivered me over to the Evil One,' *Midrash Debarim Rabbah* c. 11 'the Evil One, the head of all Satanim,' and *Baba Bathra* 16a, where Job ix. 24 is quoted 'the earth is given into the hands of the Evil One.' And this seems also to have been the traditional interpretation. Among Greek writers there is absolute unanimity on this point: see *Clem. Hom.* xix. 2, Origen *de Orat.* 30 (I. p. 265), *Sel. in Psalm.* ii. § 3 (II. p. 661), Dionysius of Alexandria *Fragm.* (p. 1601 ed. Migne), Cyril of Jerusalem *Catech.* xxiii. 19 (p. 331), Gregory of Nyssa *de Orat. Dom.* 5 (I. p. 760), Didymus of Alexandria in 1 *Johan.* v. 19 (p. 1806 ed. Migne), c. *Manich.* II (p. 1100), Chrysostom in *Matt. Hom.* xix. (VII. p. 253), Isidore of Pelusium *Epist.* iv. 24 (p. 425). With the Latin fathers there is not the same agreement. But the two great ante-Nicene Western fathers treat the word as masculine; e.g. Tertullian in *de Orat.* § 8 and *de fuga* § 2, and Cyprian in *de Domin. Orat.* 25. The other interpretation was apparently started by Augustine (*Epist.* 130, *de Serm. Dom.* ii. 35 etc.) and spread through his influence. Again, the evidence of early versions (the Syriac and Sahidic certainly, the Memphitic and Old Latin probably) and of the Eastern Liturgies points decisively to the masculine rendering. On all these grounds therefore it is highly probable that τοῦ πονηροῦ is here 'the Evil One.' See the subject treated at length in Appendix II. of the work *On a Fresh Revision of the English New Testament* (ed. 3) p. 269 sq.

The ‘Evil One’ is the father of the ‘evil men’ of ver. 2. Their assaults are instigated by him. On the manner in which St Paul turns from himself to his converts, see Calvin here : ‘de aliis magis quam de se anxium fuisse Paulum, ostendunt haec ipsa verba.’

4. πεποιθανεν δὲ] ‘But if we have enjoined you to pray for us, it is not from any distrust of your doing so.’

The most common constructions with *πεποιθέναι* in the New Testament are *τινι* and *ἐπὶ τινι* : but the verb also takes *ἐπὶ τινα* (2 Cor. ii. 3), *εἰς τινα* (Gal. v. 10) and *ἐν τινι* (Phil. iii. 3, 4 *ἐν σαρκὶ πεποιθέναι*) of the objects of trust. This being the case, two constructions are possible here. (1) We may consider *ἐν Κυρίῳ* as the more immediate object of trust (compare *ἐν σαρκὶ* Phil. i. c.), and paraphrase : ‘I put my trust in the Lord, this trust being directed towards you.’ Or (2) we may take *ἐφ’ ὑμᾶς* as giving the more immediate object of *πεποιθέναι*, while *ἐν Κυρίῳ* describes the element in which it is exercised according to the common New Testament usage of *ἐν Κυρίῳ*, *ἐν Χριστῷ*, removing trust from the domain of worldly calculations and motives. Thus the sentence becomes almost equivalent to ‘my trust in you comes from the Lord.’ Compare Rom. xiv. 14 *οὖτα καὶ πέπεισμαι ἐν Κυρίῳ*. The order is perhaps in favour of the former connexion : the parallel passage in Gal. v. 10 *πέποιθα εἰς ὑμᾶς ἐν Κυρίῳ ὅτι κ.τ.λ.* supports the latter.

ἀ παραγγέλλομεν] i.e. the charge just given that they should pray for him.

The received text is probably correct, except that external authority (including *BD*) is strongly in favour of the omission of *ὑμῖν*. Lachmann introduces the words *ὑμῖν καὶ ἐποιήσατε καὶ* in brackets after *παραγγέλλομεν* on the strength of two important manuscripts (B and F); but the insertion is not justified either on external or internal grounds of probability.

5. ὁ δὲ Κύριος κ.τ.λ.] The force of the particle may be expressed somewhat as follows : ‘In this, as in other things, I trust you : only may the Lord be your guide.’

κατευθύνων] On the metaphor conveyed in this word see the note on 1 Thess. iii. II.

τοῦ Θεοῦ, τοῦ Χριστοῦ] Are the genitive cases here subjective or objective? In other words : does ‘the love of God’ signify ‘the love which God has shown towards them,’ or ‘the love which they should feel towards Him,’ or something between the two? By ‘the patient waiting of Christ’ does the Apostle mean ‘such patient endurance under persecution as Christ exhibited in the flesh,’ or ‘the patient waiting for the coming of Christ’?

May we not say with regard to the first of these expressions *ἡ ἀγάπη τοῦ Θεοῦ*, that the Apostles availed themselves, either consciously or unconsciously, of the vagueness or rather comprehensiveness of language, to express a great spiritual truth : that they use the expression ‘the love of God,’ not only of that which is external to us of the divine attribute itself,

but also of that same principle as imparted to us and so reflected back on its author, as ‘love towards God’: and that these senses are so combined and interwoven, that it is very seldom possible, where the expression occurs, to separate the one from the other? So only can we explain the language of St Paul and St John, where the two senses of ‘the love of God,’ as God’s love towards us and our love towards God, are regarded as logically convertible. Any one who will compare 1 John ii. 5 ἐν τούτῳ ή ἀγάπη τοῦ Θεοῦ τετελείωται, 15 ἔαν τις ἀγαπᾷ τὸν κόσμον, οὐκ ἔστιν ή ἀγάπη τοῦ πατρὸς ἐν αὐτῷ, iii. 16 ἐν τούτῳ ἐγνώκαμεν τὴν ἀγάπην ὅτι, 17 πῶς ή ἀγάπη τοῦ Θεοῦ μένει ἐν αὐτῷ; and especially iv. 7—12, 16—19, v. 3, will feel the difficulty of separating between the two usages. A signal instance of this we have in St John himself, who, from being ‘the beloved disciple,’ became himself the great preacher of love.

That the same comprehensive significance may attach to the expression in St Paul will, I think, appear from Rom. v. 5 ή ἀγάπη τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐκκέχυται ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις compared with its context, and from Rom. viii. 35, 39. Compare also Ephes. iii. 19, 2 Cor. v. 14. In the same wide sense should probably be taken *i* ἀγάπη τοῦ πνεύματος (Rom. xv. 30), and ή ἀγάπη τοῦ Θεοῦ in the benediction (2 Cor. xiii. 13).

Thus then ή ἀγάπη τοῦ Θεοῦ here will signify ‘the love of God,’ not only as an objective attribute of deity, but as a ruling principle in our hearts; including perhaps the idea of love towards God, this however not being the most prominent idea.

Analogously to this, ή ὑπομονὴ τοῦ Χριστοῦ will be best explained not exactly as ‘patience like that of Christ,’ which would not exhaust its meaning; but ‘the patience of Christ,’ in which the believer participates. Compare the expression in 2 Cor. i. 5 περιστείει τὰ παθήματα τοῦ Χριστοῦ εἰς ἡμᾶς, exemplifying the close union of the believer with Christ, ή δικαιοσύνη τοῦ Χριστοῦ, and kindred phrases. The interpretation of the E. V. however ‘the patient waiting for Christ,’ in the same sense as τῆς ὑπομονῆς τῆς ἐλπίδος τοῦ Κυρίου (1 Thess. i. 3), accords well with the tone of the whole Epistle, and is not to be hastily rejected. But there is no instance of this use of ὑπομονῇ, the verb employed to express this meaning being ἀναμένειν (1 Thess. i. 10), not ὑπομένειν: and the reference to the coming of Christ, the leading topic of these Epistles, is implied, though less directly, in the more natural interpretation of ὑπομονῇ. See Ignat. Rom. 10 (with the note) ἔρρωσθε εἰς τέλος ἐν ὑπομονῇ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, where probably the expression is derived from St Paul. On ὑπομονῇ in its connexion with ἐλπὶς see the note on 1 Thess. i. 3, and on the word generally see on Col. i. 11.

ii. *Reproof of the idle, disorderly and disobedient* (iii. 6—15).

6. The comparison of St Paul’s language here with his brief charge on the same subject in the first Epistle (v. 13, 14) is instructive. What was at the earlier date a vague suspicion is now an ascertained fact. The

disorderly conduct of certain members has become patent. Hence the stress laid on the charge here, both in the solemn adjuration with which it is introduced, and in the greater length with which he dwells on the subject. On the nature of this *ἀταξία* see the notes on 1 Thess. iv. 13, and v. 13.

παραγγέλλομεν] We cannot altogether lose sight of the classical sense of *παραγγέλλειν* here, as referring to ‘the word of command,’ in connexion with the *ἀτάκτως* which follows. Ignatius has this same form of adjuration *Polyc.* 5 ὅμοιως καὶ τοῖς ἀδελφοῖς μου παράγγελλε ἐν ὄνόματι Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἀγαπᾶν τὰς συμβίους.

See the note on *ἀτάκτως* below.

The passage may be paraphrased thus. ‘Your title of brethren should remind you of your mutual obligations. The name of the Lord Jesus Christ should be your watchword of unity.’ Compare the note on 1 Cor. i. 10, where exhorting the Corinthians to unity in the same way he says : *παρακαλώ δὲ ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, διὰ τοῦ ὄνόματος τοῦ Κυρίου ὑμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ἵνα τὸ αὐτὸ λέγητε πάντες.*

στέλλεσθαι] The active verb *στέλλειν* (and sometimes the middle form *στέλλεσθαι* also), is used especially of furling sails (*Hom. Il.* i. 433) and of girding up a robe (*Ap. Rhod. Argon.* iv. 45). Thus *στέλλεσθαι* absolutely signifies ‘to gather oneself together,’ ‘to shrink into oneself,’ and so ‘to hold back, withdraw.’ The metaphor then is not directly nautical, though *ὑποστέλλεσθαι* is very common in this sense. It occasionally takes an accusative of the object shunned, as in 2 Cor. viii. 20 *στέλλόμενοι τούτο, μή τις ἡμᾶς μωμίσῃται* : on the other hand *ὑποστέλλεσθαι* with this construction is found not unfrequently in classical writers. For *στέλλεσθαι ἀπὸ* compare *Malachi ii. 5 ἀπὸ προσώπου ὄνόματός μου στέλλεσθαι αὐτὸν.*

παντὸς ἀδελφοῦ] with a slight reference to *ἀδελφοὶ* above. ‘Your duty to the brotherhood requires you to withdraw from a disorderly brother, because he is a brother.’ Compare 1 Cor. v. 11 *ἐάν τις ἀδελφὸς ὄνομαζόμενος γέ πόρνος...τῷ τοιούτῳ μηδὲ συνεσθίειν.*

ἀτάκτως] ‘disorderly’; a metaphor borrowed more especially from military discipline, *ἀταξία* meaning ‘insubordination.’ It may be worth while to compare the address (*παράγγελμα*) of Germanicus to the army on the occasion of the mutiny related in Tacitus (*Ann.* i. 43) ‘discedite a contactu, ac dividite turbidos: id stabile ad paenitentiam, id fidei vinculum erit,’ where the terms used present affinities to St Paul’s language here. The same must be the conduct of the Christian soldier (2 Tim. ii. 3), however different the character of his *στρατεία* (2 Cor. x. 4).

κατὰ τὴν παράδοσιν κ.τ.λ.] For *παράδοσις* and *παραλαμβάνειν* see the note on ii. 15.

There is great diversity in reading here, the authorities varying between *παρελάβοσαν*, *ἔλάβοσαν*, *παρέλαβον*, *παρελάβετε*, *παρελαβε*. The choice lies ultimately between *παρελάβοσαν* and *παρελάβετε*, the other readings having obviously been derived from one or other of these. Where the weight of authority on either side is very evenly balanced, it seems better to choose

the third person *παρελάβοσαν*, for the frequent occurrence of *παρελάβετε* (e.g. 1 Thess. iv. 1) was likely to suggest the alteration.

On the form *παρελάβοσαν* see Winer § xiii. p. 91. Other examples in the New Testament are *εἴχοσαν* (John xv. 22, 24), *ἔδιδοσαν* (John xix. 3) and *ἔδολιοῦσαν* (Rom. iii. 13), the last a quotation from the LXX., where the use is not uncommon. It may perhaps have been suggested by a striving after conformity with the first aorist; though probably it does not differ very much from the original termination of the 3rd plur. 2nd aorist, the first and second aorists having grown out of the same primary form.

7. *αὐτὸν γὰρ κ.τ.λ.*] ‘For you know of yourselves by your own observation, without my urging it upon you.’ The *γὰρ* is probably explained by *ὅτι*. For the expression see 1 Thess. ii. 1 with the note.

πῶς δεῖ μιμεῖσθαι ἡμᾶς] an abridged expression for ‘how ye ought to walk, so as to imitate us’ (*πῶς δεῖ ὑμᾶς περιπατεῖν ὥστε μιμεῖσθαι ἡμᾶς*).

ὅτι] seems here to be ‘for,’ explaining *αὐτὸν γὰρ οἴδατε*. This construction is simpler than taking the last clause *ὅτι οὐκ ἡτακτήσαμεν κ.τ.λ.* in the sense ‘how that,’ as an explanation of *πῶς δεῖ μιμεῖσθαι ἡμᾶς*. Perhaps however such indirectly analogous instances as 1 Thess. i. 4, 5 *εἰδότες τὴν ἐκλογὴν ὑμῶν ὅτι*, which are frequent in St Paul, may seem to favour the other construction.

8. *οὐδέτε*] ‘we were not disorderly, nor yet were we idle.’

παρά τινος] To be taken with the whole sentence *δωρεὰν ἄρτον ἐφάγομεν*—an expression equivalent to *δωρεὰν ἄρτον ἐλάβομεν ὃν ἐφάγομεν* ‘did we receive the bread we ate,’—rather than with either *δωρεὰν* or *ἄρτον* singly. On *δωρεάν* see Gal. ii. 21 with the note.

ἐν κόπῳ καὶ μόχθῳ] For these words see the note on 1 Thess. ii. 9; as also for the order *νύκτα καὶ ἡμέραν* and for the subject of St Paul’s manual labour.

The words here are almost a repetition of the language in that passage. The motive however in introducing the subject is different: there the Apostle is dwelling on his labour as a sign of his disinterestedness, here, as an example to be followed by others.

νύκτα καὶ ἡμέραν] The reading *νυκτὸς καὶ ἡμέρας* has the support of the two oldest MSS. (NB); but it may have been introduced to conform to 1 Thess. ii. 9. The accusative cases are stronger than the genitives, implying the uninterruptedness of the labour.

9. The anxiety with which the writer guards against misapprehension, as if the work of the ministry should be gratuitous, is characteristic of St Paul. See especially 1 Cor. ix. 3—18, where the assertion of his right, and the waiving of his claim in the particular case, are dwelt upon side by side with great force.

ἔξουσίαν] St Paul speaks of this same right as *ἔξουσία* in the parallel passage referred to in the last note (see 1 Cor. ix. 4, 12). The word *ἔξουσία*, which originally signified merely ‘liberty to act’ whether conferred by law or not, shifted its meaning, and as time

advanced obtained more and more the signification of a definite, positive and acknowledged right, implying control over others. For power over means follows as a necessary consequence upon liberty of action. This meaning, which is perceptible in classical writers, is more definitely stamped on the word in the New Testament, e.g. Luke xxiii. 7.

ἀλλὰ ἵνα] ‘but we waived it that’; another of St Paul’s ellipses. See the note on ii. 3, 7, where examples are given.

τύπον δώμεν] In another connexion, and probably with no reference to this passage, Clement of Rome (§ 5) says of St Paul ὑπομονῆς γενόμενος μέγιστος ὑπογραμμός.

εἰς τὸ μηεὐθαί ήμᾶς] On the other hand a different preposition is used above: πρὸς τὸ μὴ ἐπιβαρῆσαι. Something has been said on the distinction between the two words in the note on Philemon 5. The fact seems to be that, while πρὸς always denotes a purpose (at least in the New Testament), εἰς points to the end of the action; whether as implying a purpose (as is frequently the case, here for instance), or not. See the note on 1 Thess. ii. 16 εἰς τὸ ἀνατληρῶσαι. In two passages, Ephes. vi. 11, James iii. 3, in both of which a purpose is implied, the reading varies between πρὸς and εἰς, πρὸς being more strongly supported in the first case, εἰς in the second. This distinction between the two prepositions arises out of the composition of the words, since πρὸς contains a reference to the source of the action (*προ-τι* see *New Crat.* § 171) which is not directly involved in εἰς (*ἐν-s*). Thus Aristotle’s category of ‘relation’ (Donalds. *Gr. Gr.* § 486) is expressed by πρὸς τι not by εἰς τι.

10. καὶ γάρ] ‘for also’; i.e. ‘not only did we set before you our own example, but we gave you a positive precept to this effect, when at Thessalonica.’

εἴ τις οὐ θέλει κ.τ.λ.] St Paul seems to be repeating a favourite maxim of the Rabbins. See the passages in Wetstein, especially *Bereshith R.* ii. 2 ‘ego vero si non edo,’ xiv. 12 ‘ut, si non laborat, non manducet.’ This book however dates in the fourth century A.D., and possibly the form which the precept has taken may have been derived from St Paul. In spirit at least this honorable feature in the teaching of the Rabbins accords with St Paul: see the notes on 1 Thess. ii. 9 ἐργαζόμενοι, and on τὸν ἔαυτῶν ἄρτον below (ver. 12).

For the change to the direct narrative, the exact words as spoken being introduced by ὅτι, compare Acts xiv. 22 παρακαλοῦντες ἐμμένειν τῇ πίστει καὶ ὅτι διὰ πολλῶν θλίψεων δεῖ ήμᾶς εἰσελθεῖν εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ, xxiii. 22, Gal. i. 23 (with the note), and see the examples given in Winer § lx. p. 683.

οὐ θέλει] ‘is unwilling, refuses.’ ‘Nolle vitium est’ is Bengel’s comment.

11. μηδὲν ἐργαζόμενος ἀλλὰ περιεργαζόμενος] Compare Afer’s saying

reported by Quintilian (vi. 3. 54) of Mallius Sura, a bustling lawyer, ‘non agere dixit sed satagere’ (quoted by Jowett), and Demosthenes *Phil.* iv. p. 150 σοὶ μὲν ἐξ ὧν ἐργάζῃ καὶ πειρεγάζῃ τὸν ἑσχάτους ὅντας κινδύνους. For other instances of this play on words see the note on Phil. iii. 3 κατατομή, πειρομή: and add the following examples from St Paul, 1 Cor. vii. 31 οἱ χρώμενοι τὸν κόσμον ὡς μὴ καταχρώμενοι, 2 Cor. i. 13 ἢ ἀναγωνώσκετε ἡ καὶ ἐπιγινώσκετε, iii. 2 γινωσκομένη καὶ ἀναγινωσκομένη, vi. 10 ὡς μηδὲν ἔχοντες καὶ πάντα κατέχοντες, x. 12 οὐ τολμῶμεν ἐνκρίναι ἡ συνκρίναι ἔαντούς, and from the Epistle to the Hebrews (v. 8) ἔμαθεν ἀφ’ ὧν ἔπαθεν τὴν ἵπακοήν (comp. ‘where pain ends, gain ends too’).

12. καὶ παρακαλοῦμεν] sc. αὐτούς : ‘yea, and we even entreat them.’

ἐν Κυρίῳ Ἰησοῦ Χριστῷ] This is by far the best supported reading; and as there was no more likelihood of its being substituted for διὰ τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ than conversely, it must be adopted in place of the reading of the received text.

ἴνα] See the notes on 1 Thess. ii. 16, v. 4. Παρακαλεῖν and παραγγέλλειν ἴνα are very frequent combinations, and link together the later use of ἴνα with the earlier. Compare 1 Cor. i. 10, xvi. 12, 15, 2 Cor. viii. 6, xii. 8, 1 Thess. iv. 1 etc.

μετὰ ἡσυχίας ἐργαζόμενοι] The direct opposite to μηδὲν ἐργαζόμενος ἀλλὰ πειρεγαζόμενος, μετὰ ἡσυχίας being opposed to πειρεγαζόμενος.

τὸν ἔαντον ἄρτον] A Rabbinical phrase apparently, like the precept in ver. 10. Compare the references in Wetstein and Schöttgen.

13. ‘On the other hand, we exhort the rest of you, who have hitherto lived soberly, to persevere in your honorable course.’

μὴ ἐγκακήσητε] Wherever the word ἐγκακεῖν or ἐνκακεῖν occurs in the New Testament (Luke xviii. 1, 2 Cor. iv. 1, 16, Gal. vi. 9, Eph. iii. 13), it is always with the form ἐκκακεῖν as a various reading; the same authorities substantially being ranged on either side, but the weight of testimony being in favour of ἐγκακεῖν. The form ἐκκακεῖν indeed seems to be later, though it was in use in the time of the Greek Commentators, Chrysostom etc. (see Tischendorf on 2 Cor. iv. 1); and, it may be conjectured, arose in the first instance from a faulty pronunciation, rather than as a distinct compound. There can be little doubt that ἐγκακεῖν is correct, and it is supported by the analogous use of ἐν in ἐλλείπειν. Ἐγκακεῖν occurs in the versions of Symmachus (Gen. xxvii. 46, Numb. xxi. 5) and of Theodotion (Prov. iii. 11), and in Polybius iv. 19, 10. The word ἀποκακεῖν, which is found once in the LXX. (Jer. xv. 9) as equivalent to ‘exspiro,’ might seem to favour ἐκκακεῖν.

καλοποιοῦντες] ‘in well-doing,’ i.e. ‘in your honorable course’: a ἀπαξ λεγόμενον in the New Testament. It must not be rendered, as it is sometimes taken, even by Chrysostom and the Greek commentators generally, ‘in your charitable course’—a restricted sense which ἀγαθοποιεῖν frequently has, but which καλοποιεῖν could not admit. In Levit. v. 4 the reading seems to be καλῶς ποιῆσαι. The substantive καλοποία occurs in

Theophyl. *ad Autol.* i. 3. Compare Gal. vi. 9 τὸ δὲ καλὸν ποιοῦντες μὴ ἔγκακωμέν.

14. διὰ τῆς ἐπιστολῆς] must be attached to τῷ λόγῳ ἡμῶν ‘our charge conveyed by our letter.’ The insertion of the article τῷ διὰ τῆς ἐπιστολῆς would define the construction more precisely, but its absence is no objection to this rendering in the Greek of the New Testament. See the note on 1 Thess. i. 1 ἐν Θεῷ πατρὶ and the references given there. On the other hand it is proposed by some to attach διὰ τῆς ἐπιστολῆς to what follows, ‘mark him in (or ‘by’) your letter.’ But this is doubly objectionable, (1) as laying an emphasis on the letter, which is not easy of explanation; and (2) because ‘your letter,’ where we should expect ‘a letter,’ assumes a reply on the part of the Thessalonians, which assumption is not borne out by any hint in this Epistle. It is better therefore to suppose that ἡ ἐπιστολὴ refers to the present Epistle, as it does elsewhere; though generally, as here, only at the close of the letter (comp. 1 Thess. v. 27, Rom. xvi. 22, Col. iv. 16). On the other hand, this explanation will not apply to 1 Cor. v. 9 (see the note there).

The words διὰ τῆς ἐπιστολῆς are added, because the Apostle feared that the unruly members might presume on his absence: comp. 1 Cor. v. 3, 2 Cor. x. 11. His written commands, he would say, are of equal authority with his personal commands. The New Testament writers nowhere betray any consciousness, either on their own part, or on the part of their hearers, that their written teaching was inspired in any higher sense than their oral teaching.

σημειοῦσθε] ‘set your mark on.’ The word σημειοῦσθαι, in itself neutral, got to imply more or less the idea of disapprobation, though not so definitely as the corresponding Latin word ‘notare,’ ‘to brand,’ ‘reprobate.’ Compare Dion. Hal. *de adm.* vi *dic. Dem.* p. 1127 ed. Reiske οἱ ὅς ἀμάρτημα τοῦ ῥήτορος ἐσημειώσαντο, Polyb. v. 78 of a sinister omen, σημειωσάμενοι τὸ γεγονός. The form σημειοῦσθαι is condemned by the Atticists (Thomas Mag. p. 791, Herodian p. 420 ed. Koch, these references are from Ellicott), who gave ἀποσημαίνεσθαι as the correct Attic word; and probably with justice, for the derivation of σημειοῦσθαι from a secondary substantive (*σημεῖον* from *σῆμα*) points to a later origin. Compare the old ‘acknow’ with the modern ‘acknowledge.’ Σημειοῦσθαι however occurs as early as Theophrastus at least (*Caus. Plant.* i. 21. 7 προσεπιλέγει τοῖς εἰρημένοις καὶ τὰ τοιάντα σημειούμενος ὅτι κ.τ.λ. if the present text may be depended upon). I cannot trace the reference to Hippocrates given in De Wette. The language of Aristotle and Theophrastus often forms a link between the pure Attic and the *kouṭῆ* of later writers.

It is difficult to decide between the claims of the readings μὴ συναναμίγνυσθαι (omitting *καὶ*) and *καὶ μὴ συναναμίγνυσθε*. The former on the whole is the more probable, the weight of external testimony (NABD³ copt.) being in its favour. The order of the variants would then be (1) σημειοῦσθε μὴ συναναμίγνυσθαι, (2) σημειοῦσθε μὴ συναναμίγνυσθε, the ordinary

error between ε and αι, (3) σημειοῦσθε καὶ μὴ συναναμίγνυσθε, the καὶ being added in order to obviate the abruptness. If this be so, the reading of some few MSS. (as D*F) σημειοῦσθε καὶ μὴ συναναμίγνυσθαι is to be regarded as a mere transcriptional error, -σθαι for -σθε, arising out of (3). Otherwise it would point to καὶ μὴ συναναμίγνυσθε as the original reading.

μὴ συναναμίγνυσθαι] 'so as not to mix freely with them.' The double compound is expressive; the first preposition σὺν denoting 'combination,' the second ἀνά 'interchange.' It is used in the same connexion in 1 Cor. v. 9, 11, and never elsewhere in the New Testament. It is found however in a quotation from Clearchus given in Athenaeus (*Deiphn.* vi. 68, p. 256) of professional flatterers moving about among the townsfolk (συναναμιγνύμενοι τοῖς κατὰ τὴν πόλιν) in order to report what they heard to their patrons.

15. καὶ] The use of καί, where we should expect ἀλλά, is easily explained, if we regard νοὐθετεῖτε as the leading word of the sentence, and the rest as qualifying it. The sense will thus be, 'and reprove him, but as you would reprove a brother, not regarding him as an enemy.' The anxiety of St Paul to soften the severity of his censure has led to a confusion in the form of the sentence; the qualifying clause, which ought to have been subordinate, taking the first place. Νοὐθετεῖν implies a greater or less shade of blame, meaning 'to remind another of his duty,' but always with some idea of 'admonition.' Compare Tit. iii. 10 μίαν καὶ δευτέραν νοὐθεσίαν, and see Trench *N. T. Syn.* § xxxii. p. 111 sq.

For the spirit of the charge given to the Thessalonians here, compare the analogous case of the Corinthian offender (2 Cor. ii. 6, 7). The συναναμίγνυσθαι seems not itself to mean the absolute ignoring of the delinquent, but the refusal to hold free intercourse or have familiar dealings with him. In 1 Cor. v. 11 the separation was much more strict, and so it is enforced by adding τῷ τοιούτῳ μηδὲ συνεσθίειν.

Polycarp repeats the words of St Paul when dealing with the case of some offenders at Philippi (*Phil.* 11 'non sicut inimicos tales existimetis, sed sicut passibilia membra et errantia eos revocate').

iii. Prayer to the Lord of Peace (iii. 16).

16. αὐτὸς δέ] 'only may the Lord of peace Himself?' The disjunctive particle δέ is slightly corrective of the preceding. It implies: 'Yet without the help of the Lord all your efforts will be in vain'; see the note on 1 Thess. v. 23, where the same phrase occurs in the corresponding position in the Epistle.

It is doubtful whether by ὁ Κύριος here is meant 'God the Father,' or the 'Lord Jesus Christ.' In favour of the former may be urged the corresponding ὁ Θεὸς τῆς εἰρήνης at the close of the first Epistle (v. 23); in favour of the latter the almost universal meaning of Κύριος in St Paul.

ἐν παντὶ τόπῳ v. l. τρόπῳ] The external authority is evenly balanced between τόπῳ and τρόπῳ, though somewhat favouring the latter reading.

But on the whole *tóπῳ* is perhaps to be preferred as suiting the context somewhat better, ‘at all times, in all places,’ i.e. ‘wheresoever you are.’ For *ἐν παντὶ τόπῳ* comp. 1 Cor. i. 2, 2 Cor. ii. 14, 1 Thess. i. 8, 1 Tim. ii. 6. On the other hand it may be argued that the original reading was *ἐν παντὶ τρόπῳ*, altered by transcribers into *tóπῳ* to conform to a common expression. The preposition *ἐν* however is awkward where the simple *παντὶ τρόπῳ* (Phil. i. 18), or even *κατὰ πάντα τρόπον* (Rom. iii. 2, cf. 2 Thess. ii. 3), would be more natural.

μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν] ‘with you all,’ not excluding those who are walking disorderly.

4. SPECIAL DIRECTION AND BENEDICTION, iii. 17, 18.

17. St Paul here takes the pen from the amanuensis, and adds the two last verses containing the salutation in his own handwriting. ‘By this,’ he says, ‘they may know that the letter is his own and not a forgery. This is his practice in every Epistle.’

ὅ δοπισμὸς τῇ ἐμῇ χειρὶ Παύλου] seems to be incorrectly rendered in the E. V., apparently as if Παύλου were the genitive with *δοπισμός*. It should be ‘*by the hand of me Paul*,’ according to the common Greek idiom, e.g. Soph. *Œd. Col.* 344 *τὰμα δυστήνου κακά*, and other references given in Matthiae *Gr.* § 466. 1, Jelf *Gr.* § 467. 4. The same words occur in 1 Cor. xvi. 21, Col. iv. 18.

ὅ ἔστιν σημεῖον] What is the token by which his letters may be known? Not surely the insertion of the notice *ὅ δοπισμὸς τῇ ἐμῇ χειρὶ Παύλου* which is found in only three of his Epistles, though this seems to be the interpretation put on the words by most commentators; but the fact of the salutation being written by himself, whether he called direct attention to the fact, or not. See the following note.

ἐν πάσῃ ἐπιστολῇ] Two questions of some interest arise out of this expression.

First. How far does St Paul adhere to this rule in his extant Epistles? The case seems to be this. Most of his letters, if not all, were written by an amanuensis (see Rom. xvi. 22). It was the practice of the Apostle himself to take up the pen at the end, and add a few words in his own handwriting to vouch for the authenticity of the letter. The salutation was always so written, but the Apostle not unfrequently added some words besides. Thus in 1 Cor. xvi. 22 an anathema is appended (‘If any man love not’ etc.); in Col. iv. 18 an appeal to their compassion (‘remember my bonds’); in Galatians vi. 11—17 an earnest protest against Judaizing tendencies, and in Romans xvi. 25—27 perhaps the ascription of praise as a kind of afterthought. It was only rarely that St Paul called attention to the fact that the conclusion was in his own handwriting (as here, 1 Cor. xvi. 21, Col. iv. 18, and comp. Gal.

vi. 11). When he did so, we may suppose that he had some special motive. As here, for instance, he had regard to the forgeries which he suspected to have been circulated in his name. See the notes on 1 Thess. v. 19, 20, 2 Thess. ii. 2.

It is generally assumed that only those letters contained his autograph salutations in which he calls attention to the fact (as here and in 1 Corinthians and Colossians): and an explanation is sought for its absence in other cases in the fact that no such attestation was necessary, either owing to the circumstances of the letters themselves (e.g. the circular character of the letter to the Ephesians, and the letters addressed to private individuals): or to their having been delivered by accredited messengers (as 2 Corinthians by Timothy, and Philippians by Epaphroditus): or in other ways. But the assumption is in itself unwarrantable, and is only consistent with a somewhat strained interpretation of the expression *ἐν πάσῃ ἐπιστολῇ*.

Secondly. Is the expression 'in every letter' capable of explanation, except on the supposition that the Apostle wrote many Epistles which have not been preserved to us? This question must be answered in the negative. The Epistles to the Thessalonians were written A.D. 52, 53. See *Biblical Essays* p. 222 sq. The active labours of the Apostle must have commenced not later than A.D. 45. Yet there is no extant Epistle written before the Epistles to the Thessalonians. The First Epistle to the Corinthians was written A.D. 57. This was the next in chronological order of all the extant letters after those to Thessalonica. Is it to be supposed that these two brief Epistles are the sole utterances of the Apostle, standing isolated in the midst of a period of twelve years, during which the Apostle was holding constant communications with the Gentile churches far and wide? If this were conceivable in itself, it is quite irreconcilable with the expression in the text. How could he speak of 'every letter,' if with the single exception of the first Epistle to the Thessalonians he had written nothing for the eight years preceding, and was destined to write nothing for five years to come? On the whole question of lost letters of St Paul see *Philippians* p. 138 sq.

οὗτως γράφω] The words probably refer to the handwriting itself: '*this is my handwriting.*' Compare Gal. vi. 11, where he calls attention to the size of the characters, *'Ιδετε πηλίκους ύμιν γράμματιν ἔγραψα τῇ ἑμῇ χειρὶ.*' Otherwise **οὗτως γράφω** might be interpreted either (1) generally: '*this is my practice in writing,*' i.e. to add the salutation in my own hand; or (2) referring specially to the formula used: '*these are the words I use.*' But in this latter case it ought surely not to be referred to *ὁ δοπταρὺς κ.τ.λ.*, but to the salutation itself. See the note on *ὅτι οὐμεῖον κ.τ.λ.*

18. On the form of salutation see the note on 1 Thess. v. 28. There is only this difference that *πάντων* is not found in the first Epistle. St Paul had a special reason for inserting it here. He would not run the risk of seeming to exclude those members whose conduct he had reprobated. See the note above on *μετὰ πάντων υἱῶν* ver. 16.

THE EPISTLES OF ST PAUL.

II.

THE THIRD APOSTOLIC JOURNEY.

I.

FIRST EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS.

ANALYSIS.

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- (a) The incest denounced. The offender to be cast out of the Church. Reference to the Apostle's letter in which he had recommended them to treat similar offences in the same way. v. 1—13.
- (b) [Episode. The Corinthian brethren apply to heathen courts to decide their disputes. This is monstrous.] vi. 1—9. Altogether their spirit, whether of sensuality or of strife and overreaching, is inconsistent with heirship in the kingdom of heaven. vi. 10, 11.

- (c) The distinction between license and liberty. Fornication and Church-membership a contradiction in terms. The members of Christ cannot be made the members of an harlot. vi. 12—20.

[(i) and (ii) are the result of reports received by St Paul. Now follow two answers to questions raised in a letter from the Corinthians.]

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- (a) To marry, or not to marry? The Apostle's answer. vii. 1, 2.
- (b) About those already married. Mutual duties of husband and wife. vii. 3—7.
- (c) About the unmarried, the widows, the separated. Let them remain as they are. vii. 8—11.
- (d) On the marriage relations of the believer wedded with the unbeliever. Let them not do any violence to their conjugal duties. vii. 12—16.

And generally, do not be eager to alter the condition of life in which God has placed you. vii. 17—24.

- (e) On virgins specially. Are they to be given in marriage or not? The case to be decided on the same principles as before. Two principles to be kept in view: (1) to preserve continence, (2) to keep the soul disentangled 'because of the present necessity.' vii. 25—38.

- (f) On widows specially. vii. 39, 40.

iv. *Meats offered to idols.* viii. 1—xi. 1.

- (a) Meats offered to idols are indifferent in themselves: they are only important as they affect (1) our own consciences, (2) the consciences of others. viii. 1—13.

- (b) [Episode on Apostolic claims. St Paul asserts (1) his claim to support, and his disinterested renunciation of the claim: (2) his freedom and yet his accommodation to the needs of all: (3) his preaching to others and his discipline of self. ix. 1—27.

This is an interruption to the argument, suggested we know not how. Perhaps the letter was broken off. Something then may have occurred meanwhile; some outward event or some inward train of thought, of which when the letter was resumed the Apostle must first disburden himself, before he took up the thread where he had dropped it.]

- (c) The Israelites a type to us. All like you had the same spiritual privileges. They all were baptized like you: they all partook of their Eucharistic feast. And yet some perished for their fornication and idolatry. x. 1—12.

- (d) Therefore be on your guard against the abuse of this liberty. Do not entangle yourselves in idolatry. Do not cause offence to any. x. 13—xi. 1.

- v. *Regulations affecting Christian assemblies.* xi. 2—xiv. 40.
- (a) The women to be veiled. xi. 2—16.
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 - (1) There are different kinds of gifts, each having its proper place.
But there is one source of all, and we are members of one body. xii. 1—31.
 - (2) Charity is better than all. xiii. 1—13.
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- vi. *The Resurrection of the dead.* xv. 1—58.
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CHAPTER I.

I. INTRODUCTION, i. 1—9.

i. Salutation (i. 1—3).

BESIDES the standard commentaries on this Epistle, the following contributions to the study of some of its problems from German periodical literature chiefly will well repay investigation: Klöpper *exegetisch-kritische Untersuchungen über den zweiten Brief des Paulus an die Gemeinde zu Korinth*, Göttingen, 1869, Hausrath *der Vier-Capitel-Brief an die Korinther*, Heidelberg 1870, Weizsäcker *Paulus und die Gemeinde in Korinth* in the *Jahrb. f. deutsche Theol.* 1876 xxi. p. 603 sq., Delitzsch on Lightfoot's *Hor. Hebraic.* in the *Zeitsch. f. Luth. Theol.* 1877 p. 209 sq., Hilgenfeld *die Christus-Leute in Korinth* in the *Zeitsch. f. wiss. Theol.* 1865 viii. p. 241 sq., 1872 xv. p. 200 sq., *die Paulusbriebe und ihre neusten Bearbeitungen* ibid. 1866 ix. p. 337 sq., *Paulus und die Korinth. Wirren* ibid. 1871 xiv. p. 99 sq., *Paulus und Korinth* ibid. 1888 xxxi. p. 159 sq., Holsten *zur Erklärung von 2 Kor. xi. 4—6* ibid. 1873 xvii. p. 1 sq., Heinrici *Christengemeinde Korinths* ibid. 1876 xix. p. 465 sq., Holtzmann *das gegenseitige Verhältniss der beiden Korintherbriefe* ibid. 1879 xxii. p. 455 sq., Curtius *Studien zur Geschichte von Korinth* in *Hermes* 1876 x. p. 215 sq. There are also articles by Dickson in the *Academy* ii. p. 37, and by P. Gardner in the *Journal of Hellenic Studies* ix. p. 47 sq. (*Countries and Cities in Ancient Art*, esp. p. 61 sq.).

i. On the general form and special modifications of the superscriptions and greetings of St Paul's Epistles see the notes on 1 Thess. i. 1, 2.

κλητὸς ἀπόστολος] 'a called Apostle'; i.e. one whose apostleship is due not to himself, but to God. The translation of the E. V. 'called to be an Apostle' is as near as the English idiom will permit. The expression is not to be regarded as polemical, that is to say, as directed against

those who denied St Paul's apostleship. For in this case the words employed would probably have been much stronger, as in Gal. i. 1 ἀπόστολος οὐκ ἀπ' ἀνθρώπων οὐδὲ δι' ἀνθρώπου. That this is so may be seen (1) from a comparison with the opening of the Epistle to the Romans, where the same expression is used and no polemical meaning can be attributed to it, inasmuch as St Paul had no adversaries to attack in that Epistle; and (2) from the parallelism with the clause following, κλητοῖς ἀγίοις (ver. 2). His apostleship and their churchmembership were both alike to be traced to the same source, to the merciful call of God, and not to their own merits. There is the same parallelism in the opening words of the Epistle to the Romans, where Παῦλος δοῦλος Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ κλητὸς ἀπόστολος (ver. 1) is followed by ὑμεῖς κλητοὶ (ver. 6).

This preliminary consideration disposed of, we may say further that the phrase κλητὸς ἀπόστολος is here opposed not so much to human authorisation or self-assumption, as to personal merit. Both ideas indeed have their correspondences in the Pauline Epistles. For a reference to God as the source of all honours and privileges we may compare Rom. ix. 16 οὐ τοῦ θελοντος οὐδὲ τοῦ τρέχοντος ἀλλὰ τοῦ ἔλεωντος Θεοῦ. But a closer parallel, as it seems to me, occurs in the context of the passage from the Romans, οὐκ ἐξ ἑργῶν ἀλλ᾽ ἐκ τοῦ καλοῦντος (Rom. ix. 11). This feeling of self-abasement, though pervading all St Paul's Epistles, is especially strong in those belonging to this chronological group. On the other hand, a strong polemical sense would be more in place in the second group than in the first. The significance of κλητὸς is still further enforced by the words following, διὰ θελήματος Θεοῦ. See the note on Eph. i. 1.

Bengel sees a double direction in St Paul's language, combining these two last views: 'Ratio auctoritatis, ad ecclesias; humilis et prompti animi, penes ipsum Paulum. Namque mentione *Dei* excluditur auctoramentum humanum, mentione *voluntatis Dei*, meritum Pauli.' But for the reasons above stated, the assertion of authority, if it is to be recognized at all, must be quite subordinate and secondary.

Σωσθῆνης] The mention of Sosthenes naturally takes our thoughts back to the scene recorded in the Acts (xviii. 12—17) where the name occurs (ver. 17). By identifying the Sosthenes of the Acts with the Sosthenes of this Epistle, the notices of him hang together. He was a Jew by birth and ruler of the synagogue at Corinth. At the time when St Paul was brought before Gallio, he had either actually declared himself a Christian, or at least shown such a leaning towards Christianity as to incur the anger of his fellow-countrymen, who set upon him and beat him. It is not improbable that he retired from Corinth in consequence: and it may be conjectured that the hostility with which he was regarded there was a special inducement to St Paul to recommend him favourably to the Corinthians in this unobtrusive way, by attaching his name to his own in the opening salutation. It is of course impossible according to

this view that he could have been one of the Seventy in accordance with an early tradition given by Eusebius (*H. E.* i. 12). But patristic writers exercised so much ingenuity in making up the list of the Seventy (comp. the list published in the works of Hippolytus) that such a tradition is worthless. Thus e.g. Silas is distinguished from Silvanus, and Luke is included in the number (Hippol. *Spir.* in Migne *P. G.* x. p. 955). See also Tillemont i. p. 26, and Baronius, *s. ann.* 33, i. p. 113 (1738).

We may at least infer that Sosthenes was well known to the Christians of Corinth, both from the position which his name occupies and from the designation ὁ ἀδελφός. The definite article implies some distinction, something more than ‘one of the brotherhood.’ The term appears to have been used in those cases where the person named, though distinguished, had no claim to a higher title, as e.g. Apostle. Thus for instance it is applied to Apollos (1 Cor. xvi. 12), Timothy (2 Cor. i. 1, Col. i. 1, Philem. 1, Heb. xiii. 23), and Quartus (Rom. xvi. 23).

Sosthenes may or may not have been St Paul’s amanuensis. The fact of his name occurring here proves nothing. For instance, Tertius (Rom. xvi. 22) is not named in the heading of the Roman letter. Again Timothy and Silvanus (1 Thess. i. 1, 2 Thess. i. 1) were not probably amanuenses of the Epistles to the Thessalonians. On the degree of participation in the contents of the letter implied by his being thus mentioned, see the note on 1 Thess. i. 1. In this letter Sosthenes is named and apparently disappears at once. St Paul immediately returns to the singular (*εὐχαριστῶ* ver. 4) and loses sight of him.

2. τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ τοῦ Θεοῦ] On this expression see the notes to 1 Thess. i. 1, ii. 14.

ἡγιασμένοις ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησού] The authority of the best Greek MSS. must decide the question whether these words shall precede or follow the clause τῇ οὖσῃ ἐν Κορίνθῳ. In a case like this, where for purposes of interpretation there was every temptation to change the order, no great stress must be laid on the versions and citations from the fathers. But even if we decide in favour of the more awkward arrangement of interjecting *ἡγιασμένοις* *ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησού* between *τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ τοῦ Θεοῦ* and *τῇ οὖσῃ ἐν Κορίνθῳ*, the dislocation is quite characteristic of St Paul. The mention of God as the source of spiritual blessings does not satisfy the Apostle, unless supplemented by the parallel mention of Christ as the *medium* of that life. Consequently grammar is disregarded in his anxiety not to postpone this reference to our Lord. Again, there was another reason for inserting the words thus early. The expression *ἡ ἐκκλησία τοῦ Θεοῦ* might be applied equally well to the Jews; and consequently, whenever St Paul uses it, he is careful to guard against this ambiguity. See 1 Thess. ii. 14, Gal. i. 22. There was therefore a double motive for the insertion of some such clause as *ἡγιασμένοις* *ἐν Χρ. Ἰησ.*, and the eagerness of the Apostle to bring this in has disturbed the sequence of the sentence. This parallel reference to the Source from Whom, and the Means through

Whom is too frequent in St Paul, where he has occasion to use terms like ἐκκλησία ἐκλεκτοὶ κλητοὶ and the like, to need special illustration. See however the notes on 1 Thess. i. c.

A somewhat similar instance of the disturbance of grammatical order occurs just below in αὐτῶν καὶ ἡμῶν (ver. 2).

κλητοῖς ἀγίοις] corresponds to **κλητὸς ἀπόστολος**, as in Rom. i. 7. See the note on ver. I.

On the words **κλητός**, **ἐκλεκτός** and the corresponding substantives, as used by St Paul, see the notes on 2 Thess. i. 11 and Col. iii. 12. In this connexion words such as **ἡγιασμένοις**, **ἀγίοις** denote the consecrated people, the Christians, as they denoted the Jewish people under the old dispensation. Compare 1 Pet. ii. 9, where many terms formerly applied to the Jews are transferred to the Christians. See also the note on Phil. i. 1.

The ascription of ‘holiness’ to a community guilty of such irregularities as that of Corinth, reiterated in the words **ἡγιασμένοις ἐν Χ. Ι. κλητοῖς ἀγίοις**, is strikingly significant of St Paul’s view of the Christian Church, and of his modes of appeal. He addresses the brethren not as the few, but as the many. He delights to take a broad and comprehensive ground. All who are brought within the circle of Christian influences are in a special manner Christ’s, all who have put on Christ in baptism are called, are sanctified, are holy. Let them not act unworthily of their calling. Let them not dishonour and defile the sanctity which attaches to them. He is most jealous of narrowing the pale of the Gospel, and this righteous jealousy leads him to the use of expressions which to the ‘unlearned and unstable’ might seem to betoken an excessive regard for the outward and visible bond of union, and too much neglect of that which is inward and spiritual.

The same liberal and comprehensive spirit is traced in his remarks on the alliance of the believer and unbeliever (vii. 12 sq.), and in his illustration drawn from the practice of baptism (xii. 2 sq.).

σὺν πᾶσι τοῖς ἐπικαλουμένοις] ‘as also to all those who invoke.’ This clause cannot be attached to **κλητοῖς** in the sense of ‘saints called together with all that invoke etc.’ For though this construction would obviate considerable difficulty in interpreting what follows, it is grammatically harsh, if not untenable, and would require a participle for **κλητοῖς**, or at all events a different order of words.

There still remains the difficulty of interpreting **σὺν πᾶσι τοῖς ἐπικαλουμένοις κ.τ.λ. ἐν παντὶ τόπῳ**. A comparison with the opening of the second Epistle, **σὺν τοῖς ἀγίοις πᾶσιν τοῖς οὖσιν ἐν ὅλῃ τῇ Ἀχαιᾷ** would suggest the restriction of ‘every place’ to ‘all the churches of Achaia’: but though the expression **ἐν παντὶ τόπῳ** elsewhere (e.g. 1 Thess. i. 8, 2 Cor. ii. 14) must be taken with certain natural limitations, still the very definite restriction to ‘every place in Achaia’ receives no sanction from such examples. We must suppose then that St Paul associates the whole Christian Church with the Corinthians in this superscription. This

association would refer more especially to the benediction which immediately follows, but in some degree also to the main contents of the letter, which, though more special and personal than perhaps any other of St Paul's Epistles, yet finds its exhortations on great general principles applying to all alike. It perhaps arose out of the idea of unity prominent in the Apostle's mind, and was suggested by the dissensions which divided the Corinthian Church.

For a similar superscription compare the Epistle of the Church of Smyrna on the death of Polycarp...*τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ τοῦ Θεοῦ τῇ παροικούσῃ ἐν Φιλομηλίῳ καὶ πάσαις ταῖς κατὰ πάντα τόπον τῆς ἀγίας καὶ καθολικῆς ἐκκλησίας παροικίαις, ἔλεος καὶ εἰρήνη καὶ ἀγάπη κ.τ.λ.* See also the close of St Clement's Epistle to the Corinthians, *Ἡ χάρις τοῦ Κ. ἡμῶν Ἰησ. Χρ. μεθ' ὑμῶν καὶ μετὰ πάντων πανταχῆ τῶν κεκλημένων ὑπὸ τοῦ Θεοῦ κ.τ.λ.* (§ 65).

ἐπικαλουμένοις τῷ ὄνομα τοῦ Κυρίου] A phrase which in the O. T. e.g. Gen. iv. 26, xiii. 4 etc., is applied to Jehovah, and therefore seems to imply a divine power and attributes. For the expression *τῷ ὄνομα τοῦ Κυρίου* see the notes on 2 Thess. i. 12, Phil. ii. 9, 10, and generally for the application to our Lord of phrases applied in the O. T. to God see on 2 Thess. i. 7, 9. The practice is illustrated by the testimony of Pliny (*Eph. xcvi.*) 'carmen Christo quasi Deo dicere secum invicem.'

αὐτῶν καὶ ἡμῶν] Is this clause to be taken with *ἐν παντὶ τόπῳ* or with *τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν*? The former is the interpretation adopted by most modern commentators after the Vulgate, which translates it 'in omni loco ipsorum et nostro,' as also do some other ancient versions. But all possible interpretations of the words so connected are extremely harsh. Thus it is explained by some to mean 'both in Achaia (αὐτῶν) and in Asia' (ἡμῶν, for St Paul was writing from Ephesus); by others 'in every part of Achaia, which Achaia belongs to us, as well as to them, inasmuch as we are their spiritual teachers.' Other interpretations are still more arbitrary.

It is better therefore to attach *αὐτῶν καὶ ἡμῶν* to *τοῦ Κυρίου*, as taking up the foregoing *ἡμῶν*. This is the view of all the Greek commentators, from a sense, I suppose, of the fitness of the Greek. The words are an after-thought, correcting any possible misapprehension of *ἡμῶν*. 'Our Lord, did I say—their Lord and ours alike.' There is a covert allusion to the divisions in the Corinthian Church, and an implied exhortation to unity. The particle *τε* after *αὐτῶν* if genuine (as is probably not the case) would assist this interpretation; but even in its absence this is far less harsh than the alternative construction.

3. *χάρις ὑμῖν καὶ εἰρήνη]* See notes on 1 Thess. i. 1.

ii. Thanksgiving (i. 4—9).

4. *εὐχαριστῶ κ.τ.λ.]* On the thanksgivings at the openings of St Paul's Epistles and on the Hellenistic use of the word *εὐχαριστῶ* see the

notes on 1 Thess. i. 2. In this instance St Paul bears in mind a subject which will occupy a prominent place in the body of the Epistle, the spiritual gifts of the Corinthians.

δοθείσῃ, ἐπλουτισθῆτε] ‘which was given...ye were enriched.’ The aorists point back to the time of their baptism into the Christian Church, and generally of their admission to the privileges of the Gospel. The phrase **ὅτι ἐν παντὶ ἐπλουτισθῆτε** is an exegesis of **ἐπὶ τῇ χάριτι τῇ δοθείσῃ.**

ὅτι] ‘in that,’ used after **εὐχαριστῶ**, as in Rom. i. 8, 2 Thess. i. 3.

ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ, ἐν αὐτῷ] ‘in Christ Jesus,’ ‘in Him’; not as the E.V. ‘by Jesus Christ,’ ‘by Him.’ God is represented here, as generally, as the ‘Giver of all good gifts.’ Christ is the medium through whom and the sphere in which these gifts are conferred. It is by our incorporation in Christ that they are bestowed upon us.

5. **ἐν παντὶ λόγῳ καὶ πάσῃ γνώσει]** The distinction between these words is differently given, as follows. (1) **Λόγος** is the lower, **γνώσις** the higher knowledge, a distinction which is without sufficient foundation. (2) **Λόγος** refers to the gift of tongues, **γνώσις** to that of prophecy. But the restriction to ‘special gifts’ seems not to be warranted by the context: see the conclusion of the note. (3) **Λόγος** is the teaching of the Gospel as offered to the Corinthians, **γνώσις** their hearty acceptance of the same. But against this view it may be urged that the words **τῇ χάριτι τῇ δοθείσῃ, ἐπλουτισθῆτε ἐν παντὶ κ.τ.λ.**, as well as the parallelism of **λόγος** with **γνώσις**, point to some personal and inward gift, as the meaning of **λόγος**. (4) **Λόγος** is the outward expression, **γνώσις** the inward conviction; as the E.V. ‘all utterance and all knowledge.’

The last is probably the correct interpretation. Not only were the Corinthians rich in the knowledge of the truths of the Gospel, but they were also gifted with the power of enunciating them effectively. St Chrysostom says (*ad loc.*) **καὶ νοῆσαι καὶ εἰπεῖν ἵκανοι**, perhaps having in his mind the expression which Thucydides uses of his teacher Antiphon (viii. 68) **κράτιστος ἐνθυμηθῆναι γενόμενος καὶ ἀν γνοῖ εἰπεῖν**. This distinction of **λόγος** and **γνώσις** is partially illustrated by 2 Cor. viii. 7, xi. 6 **εἰ δὲ καὶ ἰδιώτης τῷ λόγῳ ἀλλ' οὐ τῇ γνώσει**. The order here need not stand in the way of this interpretation; for though **γνώσις** is prior to **λόγος**, and so might be expected to stand first, it is reserved for the last as being of superior and essential importance.

St Paul is doubtless alluding in part to the special gifts of the Spirit, which seem to have been bestowed so lavishly on the Corinthian Church (see chaps. xii, xiv). And thus **λόγος** would include the gift of tongues, **γνώσις** the gifts of discerning spirits and interpreting tongues (comp. especially 1 Cor. xiii. 1, 2 **ἔὰν ταῖς γλώσσαις τῶν ἀνθρώπων λαλῶ...καν ἔχω προφητείαν καὶ εἰδῶ τὰ μυστήρια πάντα καὶ πᾶσαν τὴν γνώσιν κ.τ.λ.**). Thus the **λόγος** of the Corinthians comes prominently forward in speaking of the gift of tongues—the **γνώσις** in condemning their divisions and rebuking

their self-sufficiency. St Paul here gives thanks for their use : he afterwards condemns their abuse.

But it would be a mistake to confine the allusion to these. It is obvious from the context that the Apostle is referring chiefly to those more excellent gifts, the spiritual graces which make up the Christian character. In the same spirit in which he has addressed his Corinthian converts 'as sanctified in Christ Jesus,' he goes on to express his thankfulness for their advance in true holiness. He loses sight for a moment of the irregularities which had disfigured the Church at Corinth, while he remembers the spiritual blessings which they enjoyed. After all deductions made for these irregularities, the Christian community at Corinth must have presented as a whole a marvellous contrast to their heathen fellow-citizens—a contrast which might fairly be represented as one of light and darkness. See further on *χάρισμα* (ver. 7). On the distinction between *γνῶσις* and *σοφία* see the note on Col. ii. 3, and compare 1 Cor. xii. 8.

6. *καθὼς*] 'according as,' 'in this respect that,' 'inasmuch as,' and so almost equivalent to 'seeing that.' It explains the manner of *ἐν παντὶ ἐπλουτίσθητε κ.τ.λ.* For this use of *καθὼς* introducing an epexegesis of what has preceded, compare 1 Thess. i. 5.

τὸ μαρτύριον τοῦ Χριστοῦ] 'the testimony borne to Christ' by the Apostles and preachers ; and thus equivalent to 'the Gospel as preached to you,' *Χριστοῦ* being the objective genitive. Compare 2 Tim. i. 8 μὴ οὐν ἐπαισχυνθῆς τὸ μαρτύριον τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν, Rev. i. 2, 9, and see the note on ii. 1 below.

ἔβεβαιώθη ἐν ὑμῖν] This might mean either (1) 'received confirmation in your persons,' i.e. commended itself to others by the effect it produced on your character ; or (2) 'was confirmed in you,' 'produced a deep conviction in your hearts.' The latter sense is to be preferred, as being more in accordance with the use of *καθὼς* as explained above, and also as better adapted to the statement ὅς καὶ βεβαιώσει ὑμᾶς which follows.

7. *ἄστε*] is best attached to what immediately precedes. Otherwise *καθὼς...ἐν ὑμῖν* is to be treated as parenthetical, and *ἄστε* referred to the previous clause *ἐν παντὶ ἐπλουτίσθητε*. But this is not so good. It is more in St Paul's manner thus to string the clauses together one after the other.

μὴ ὑστερεῖσθαι ἐν μηδενὶ χαρίσματι] 'so that ye fall short in no spiritual gift.' The expression signifies more than *μηδενὸς χαρίσματος*. The latter would mean 'not to be without any gift' (comp. Rom. iii. 23) ; the former 'not to possess it in less measure than others.' For the wish compare James i. 4, 19, and Ign. Pol. 2 ἵνα μηδενὸς λείπῃ καὶ παντὸς χαρίσματος περισσεύῃ.

χαρίσματι] The term *χάρισμα*, though sometimes applied especially to the extraordinary gifts of the Spirit (such as tongues etc.), is not so confined. It includes all spiritual graces and endowments. The greatest

χάρισμα of all the Apostle declares elsewhere to be eternal life (Rom. vi. 23). That it is here used in this wider sense, is clear from the context, which shows that St Paul is dwelling especially on moral gifts, as for instance on holiness of life.

It would probably be correct to say that St Paul himself was conscious of no such distinction as that of the ordinary and extraordinary gifts of the Spirit. At all events in his enumeration he classes together those endowments which we commonly speak of as miraculous and special, and such as belong generally to the Christian character. See chap. xii. And in some cases, as for instance the *χάρισμα* of 'prophesying,' it is difficult to say where the non-miraculous ceases and the miraculous begins; or to point to any distinction in kind between its manifestation in the Apostolic times and its counterpart in later ages of the Church.

ἀπεκδεχομένους] 'as you eagerly expect.' The significance of this clause in connexion with the context is best illustrated by 1 Joh. iii. 2, 3 'we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him...and every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure'; and by 2 Pet. iii. 11, 12 'what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting the coming of the day of God.' In other words, the very expectation is productive of that advance in Christian grace and knowledge which was spoken of before. The word *ἀπεκδέχεσθαι* does not necessarily signify 'awaiting hopefully, desiring'; but the double preposition implies a degree of earnestness and an intensity of expectation which is quite inconsistent with the carelessness of the godless. Hence it is never used in the New Testament in reference to the coming of Christ, except of the 'faithful.' See Rom. viii. 23, 25 (and comp. ver. 19), Gal. v. 5, Phil. iii. 20, and especially Heb. ix. 28 ἐκ δευτέρου χωρὶς ἀμαρτίας ὀφθήσεται τοῖς αὐτὸν ἀπεκδεχομένοις εἰς σωτηρίαν.

8. *δει καὶ*] i.e. 'Who also will go on with this process of strengthening even unto the end, so that ye may be blameless.' This relative is referred either to Θεὸς or to Χριστὸς as its antecedent. The latter is to be preferred, as immediately preceding, while Θεὸς must be sought far back in the sentence. And then again a new subject seems to be introduced in Θεὸς below (verse 9). The repetition of τοῦ Κ. ἡμ. Ἰησ. Χρ., where we might expect αὐτοῦ, is no valid argument against referring ὁς to Χριστός. Such a repetition of the substantive has its parallel even in classical Greek, and is common in the New Testament. See 1 Thess. iii. 13, 2 Tim. i. 18, Gen. xix. 24; and compare Winer § xxii. p. 180 sq. There is a special fascination in that 'name which is above every name,' leading St Paul to dwell upon it, and reiterate it. Compare also in this respect ver. 21.

δει καὶ βεβαιώσει] to be referred to ἐβεβαιώθη ἐν ὑμῖν, on which see the note. Compare also 2 Cor. i. 10 ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς καὶ ῥύσεται εἰς ὃν ἡλπίκαμεν ὅτι καὶ ἔτι ῥύσεται, Phil. i. 18 ἐν τούτῳ χαίρω' ἀλλὰ καὶ χαρήσομαι.

ἔως τελους] with a reference to *ἀπεκδεχομένους*.

ἀνεγκλήτους] ‘so that ye may be blameless’: proleptic. See the instances given on 1 Thess. iii. 13 ἀμέμπτους.

ἐν τῇ ἡμέρᾳ] See the notes on 1 Thess. v. 2, 4, and compare iv. 3 below, ὑπὸ ἀνθρωπίνης ἡμέρας.

9. The sequence of thought is as follows. ‘The fact that you have been called through God to a communion with Christ, is an earnest assurance to you that Christ will bring this good work to a favourable issue. For reliance can be placed on God. This calling was not intended to be illusory or vain.’ Here again St Paul takes the broad and comprehensive view of God’s dealings. See the notes above on vv. 2, 4. For the same thought compare Phil. i. 6 ‘Being confident of this very thing that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ’; and see the notes on the verse.

πιστὸς ὁ Θεός] Compare 1 Cor. x. 13, 2 Cor. i. 18, 1 Thess. v. 24
πιστὸς ὁ καλῶν ὑμᾶς ὁς καὶ ποιήσει, 2 Thess. iii. 3.

δι' οὐ] ‘through Whom,’ not as E.V. ‘by whom,’ which is ambiguous, ‘by’ being here an archaism. We may speak of God the Father, either as the source from whom, or the means, instrumentality through which all things arise and are. Compare Rom. xi. 36 ἐξ αὐτοῦ καὶ δι' αὐτοῦ καὶ εἰς αὐτὸν τὰ πάντα. He is at once beginning, middle and end. Most commonly He is regarded as the Source (*ἐξ οὗ*); but sometimes as the Means (*δι' οὗ*) as here and Heb. ii. 10 ἐπρεπεν γὰρ αὐτῷ, δι' οὐν τὰ πάντα καὶ δι' οὐν τὰ πάντα κ.τ.λ. Compare Gal. i. 1 and note. Whenever God the Father and Christ are mentioned together, origination is ascribed to the Father, and mediation to Christ in things physical as well as spiritual. See especially 1 Cor. viii. 6 εἰς Θεός, ὁ πατήρ, ἐξ οὐν τὰ πάντα καὶ ἡμεῖς εἰς αὐτόν, καὶ εἰς Κύριος Ἰησοῦν Χριστός, δι' οὐν τὰ πάντα καὶ ἡμεῖς δι' αὐτοῦ. This distinction is as precise in St Paul as in St John, though dwelt upon more fully by the latter. We should nowhere find such an expression as *ἐξ οὐν τὰ πάντα* applied to Christ.

The preceding note suggests two remarks. (1) It is important to observe how early and with what exactness the doctrine of the person of Christ was maintained. The genuineness of this Epistle is not questioned even by the severest negative criticism, and yet here it is as distinctly stated as in the Fourth Gospel, which that same criticism condemns as the forgery of a later age. (2) We should not fail to observe the precision with which St Paul uses the preposition, as a token of his general grammatical accuracy.

κοινωνίαν] including both spiritual communion with Christ in the present life and participation in His glory hereafter, without which this communion would be incomplete. The *κοινωνία τοῦ νιοῦ αὐτοῦ* is coextensive in meaning with the *βασιλεία τοῦ Θεοῦ*. On the uses of the word in St Paul’s Epistles see the note on Phil. i. 5 ἐπὶ τῇ κοινωνίᾳ ὑμῶν εἰς τὸ εὐαγγελιον.

2. BODY OF THE LETTER, i. 10—xv. 58.

i. DIVISIONS, i. 10—iv. 21.

(a) *He describes and deprecates these divisions* (i. 10—17).

10. παρακαλῶ δὲ] The participle is slightly corrective. ‘Though I have commended your progress in the Gospel, yet I must rebuke you for your divisions.’

ἀδελφοί] i.e. ‘ye who profess to be held together in the bond of brotherhood.’ The repetition of the term in the following verse, ἀδελφοί μου, points to its significance here. For the use of this term in similar appeals compare Gal. vi. 1, 18 (with the notes). See also especially 1 Cor. vi. 5, 6.

διὰ τὸν ὄντος τοῦ Κ. ἡμῶν Ἰ. Χ.] The exhortation to unity is still further strengthened. ‘I intreat by that one name which we all bear in common, that ye assume not divers names, as of Paul, and Apollos etc.’ For the adjuration comp. 2 Thess. iii. 6.

ἴα] It is difficult in this passage, as elsewhere, to discriminate between the two senses of *ἴα* as denoting the purpose, design, or simply the object, consequence. Compare the notes on 1 Thess. ii. 16, v. 4.

τὸ αὐτὸ λέγητε] We have here a strictly classical expression. It is used of political communities which are free from factions, or of different states which entertain friendly relations with each other. Thus τὸ αὐτὸ λέγειν is ‘to be at peace,’ or ‘to make up differences’; see Thuc. iv. 20 ἡμῶν καὶ ὑμῶν ταῦτα λεγόντων, v. 31 Βοιωτοὶ δὲ καὶ Μεγαρῆς τὸ αὐτὸ λέγοντες ἥσυχαζον, Aristot. *Polit.* ii. 3. 3, Polyb. ii. 62, v. 104 etc. Here the second idea to make up differences is the prominent one, and is carried out in κατηρτισμένοι below, where the same political metaphor is used. On the application of classical terms relating to the body politic to the Christian community by the N. T. writers, see the note on τῶν ἐκκλησιῶν 1 Thess. ii. 14.

The marked classical colouring of such passages as this leaves a much stronger impression of St Paul’s acquaintance with classical writers than the rare occasional quotations which occur in his writings. Compare especially the speech before the Areopagus (Acts xvii.). The question of St Paul’s general education is discussed in *Biblical Essays*, p. 201 sq., see especially p. 205 sq.

σχίσματα] This is said to be the earliest passage in which the word occurs of a ‘moral division’ (Stanley *Corinthians* ad loc.). It is here used as almost synonymous with ἔριδες, and in a later passage (1 Cor. xi. 18) it is distinguished from αἰρέσεις, the latter denoting a more complete separation than σχίσματα. See the passage. The word does not occur

elsewhere in the N. T. in this sense, except in St John's Gospel (vii. 43, ix. 16, x. 19). In St Clement's Epistle to the Corinthians it occurs frequently, as might be expected, with more or less of reference to this Epistle. See §§ 2, 49, 54 and especially § 46 ἵνα τι ἔρεις καὶ θυμοὶ καὶ δίχοστασιαὶ καὶ σχίσματα πόλεμός τε ἐν ιδίᾳ, where the words are arranged in an ascending scale. Θυμοὶ are 'outbursts of wrath,' δίχοστασια is weaker than σχίσμα, as it is stronger than στάσις: as στάσις develops into δίχοστασια, so δίχοστασια widens into σχίσμα. See the notes on this passage, and on Gal. v. 20, 21. The word is apparently not found elsewhere in the Apostolic Fathers.

[κατηρτισμένοι] On this word see the note on 1 Thess. iii. 10. It is especially appropriate here with reference to σχίσμα (Matt. iv. 21, Mark i. 19).

[ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ νοῦ καὶ ἐν τῇ αὐτῇ γνώμῃ] Of these words νοῦς denotes the frame or state of mind, γνώμη the judgment, opinion or sentiment, which is the outcome of νοῦς. The former denotes the general principles, the latter the special applications of those principles. The form νοῖς is peculiar to St Paul in the N. T., but not uncommon with him (Rom. vii. 25, xiv. 5, 1 Cor. xiv. 15). It is confined to late writers (Winer § viii. p. 72).

[ἱπὸ τῶν Χλόης] The expression may mean either (1) 'the children,' or (2) 'the servants,' or (3) 'the relations of Chloe.' We learn a good deal of the social condition of the early Christians from their names. Judging from her name, Chloe was probably a freedwoman. At least the name does not denote any exalted rank. Compare Horace *Od.* iii. 9. 9 'me nunc Thressa Chloe regit.' Chloe is an epithet of the Goddess Demeter (Aristoph. *Lysistr.* 835, compare εὐχλόος Soph. *O. C.* 1600); and it is not improbable that, as a proper name, it was derived from this use. Slaves and by consequence freedmen seem very frequently to have borne the Greek names of heathen divinities. Compare the instances of Phœbe (Rom. xvi. 1), of Hermes (xvi. 14), and of Nereus (xvi. 15).

Perhaps however the name is to be referred to the primary meaning of the word, as in the case of Stachys (*στάχυς*) (Rom. xvi. 9) and Chloris. On either supposition it would point to a servile origin, from which class a large number of the early converts to Christianity appear to have been drawn. Compare ver. 26, and see the notes on Cæsar's household in *Philippians*, p. 171 sq.

The position of importance occupied by women in the Christian Church, even at this early date, is a token of the great social revolution which the Gospel was already working. See *Philippians*, p. 55 sq. for the development of this feature in Macedonia especially.

It is possible that Stephanas, Fortunatus and Achæicus (xvi. 17) are included in οἱ Χλόης; but there is no ground for the supposition, and all such identifications are hazardous.

[12. λέγω δὲ τούτῳ ὅτι] 'I refer to the fact that,' 'my meaning is this

that'; not as E.V., ‘now this I say that.’ Compare Gal. iii. 17 i Thess. iv. 15, and see [Clem. Rom.] ii. §§ 2, 8, 12 τοῦτο λέγει ‘he means this.’

[**Έκαστος ὑμῶν**] i.e. ‘there is not one of you, but has his party leader. The whole body is infected with this spirit of strife.’

[**Απόλλω**] The name Apollos is contracted either from Apollonius, or Apollodorus, probably the first. So at least it is written in full in Codex D (Acts xviii. 24), and the variation seems to point to some very early tradition. Apollos was an Alexandrian (Acts l. c.), and the name Apollonius was common in Alexandria, probably owing to the fact ‘that the first governor left by Alexander in his African province was so called’ (Arrian *Anab.* iii. 5). On the contracted names in -ώς and -ᾶς, so frequent in the N. T., see Winer § xvi. p. 127, and the note on 1 Thess. i. 1 Σιλονανός. This particular contraction is found elsewhere, though rarely; see Conybeare and Howson, p. 364.

We first hear of Apollos residing at Ephesus about the time of St Paul’s first visit to Corinth (A.D. 52, 53). Here he is instructed in the Gospel by Aquila and Priscilla. From Ephesus he crosses over to Corinth, where he preaches to the Corinthians and makes a deep impression upon the Corinthian Church. After his departure St Paul arrives at Ephesus, and remains there three years (from A.D. 54 to 57). See Acts xviii. 24—xix. 1. There is no notice of the return of Apollos from Corinth to Ephesus; but he was with St Paul or in the neighbourhood when this Epistle was written, i.e. about or after Easter 57 (see xvi. 12). For his subsequent movements see Tit. iii. 13; and on the subject generally Heymann in *Sächs. Stud.* (1843), II. p. 222 sq., Pfizer *de Apollone doctore apostol.* Altorf (1718), Bleek *Hebr.* p. 394 sq., Meyer on Acts xviii. 24 and Stanley *Corinthians* ad loc.

[**Κηφᾶ**] The Aramaic word **כַּפָּא** corresponding to the Greek **Πέτρος** (John i. 42). St Paul seems to have employed both forms indifferently. In this Epistle he always speaks of **Κηφᾶς**; in the Epistle to the Galatians, sometimes of **Κηφᾶς** (Gal. i. 18, ii. 9, 11, 14) sometimes of **Πέτρος** (Gal. ii. 7, 8). Here, as repeating the language of the Judaizers, he would naturally use Cephas.

The question occurs, had St Peter been at Corinth before this time? Apollos had been there, but there is no indication that St Peter had been. In ix. 5 there is an allusion to him which points to his moving about at this time. The Romanist story of St Peter’s twenty-five years episcopate at Rome (A.D. 42 to 67), if true, would cover the time of St Paul’s imprisonment at Rome, and also the period of the Epistles to and from Rome, so that the entire absence of any allusion to his being at Rome at this time is quite inexplicable, if he were there. Besides, St Paul speaks (Rom. xv. 20) as though no Apostle had previously visited it. It does not seem at all necessary that St Peter should have been at Corinth in order that his name should be taken by a party. He was naturally head of the

Church of the circumcision. See the essay entitled ‘Saint Peter in Rome’ in *Apostolic Fathers*, Part I., vol. II. p. 481 sq. (1890).

Observe the delicacy evinced by St Paul in treating of this subject. His ascending scale is Paul, Apollos, Cephas, Christ. He places himself in the lowest grade, next, that teacher who was especially associated with him, and highest of human instructors the Apostle who was represented as his direct antagonist. Again, when he wants to enforce the opposition between the servant and the master, between the human instrument and the divine source, he selects his own name, as the meanest of all, and therefore the best antithesis: *μερέρισται ὁ Χριστός μὴ Παῦλος ἐσταυρώθη ἵπερ ὑμῶν*; so also in iii. 5 (*τί οὖν ἐστὶν Ἀπολλάς; τί δέ ἐστιν Παῦλος;*) there is no mention of Cephas. (His well-known friendly relations with Apollos allowed him, both here and in iv. 6, as it were to take liberties with his name.) On the other hand, a true gentlemanly feeling led him to abstain from appearing to deprecate Cephas, his supposed adversary. This is an instance of his fine appreciation of what was due to his fellow-men.

In the Epistle to the Galatians, where it was necessary for him to assert his Apostleship, his language is different.

13. *μερέρισται ὁ Χριστός;*] Lachmann omits the note of interrogation, as is done apparently in most of the ancient versions. Yet the sentence is more forcible taken interrogatively. Nor does the absence of *μὴ* in one clause, whilst it is present in the other, form any objection to this way of taking it. The form of the interrogative is purposely varied, because the reply suggested in each case is different. *Mὴ* interrogative implies a negative answer, whereas the omission of *μὴ* allows an affirmative answer. ‘Has Christ been divided?’ This is only too true. ‘Was Paul crucified for you?’ This is out of the question. On *μὴ* interrogative as implying a negative answer see Winer § lvii. p. 641. The opposition in the form of the interrogative would have been still stronger, if St Paul had written *οὐ μερέρισται*;

In what sense did the Apostle mean that Christ had been divided? Christ is here identified with the body of believers. Thus ‘Has Christ been divided?’ is in effect ‘Have you by your dissensions rent Christ’s body asunder, tearing limb from limb?’ Compare 1 Cor. xii. 12, 13 ‘For as the body is one, and hath many members and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body.’ Compare also xii. 27. This passage seems to leave no doubt as to the interpretation here; and so Clement of Rome evidently understands it, for speaking of the later factions at Corinth, he says (§ 46) *ἴνα τί διέλκομεν καὶ διασπῶμεν τὰ μέλη τοῦ Χριστοῦ*; with an evident reference to St Paul’s language here. Immediately afterwards he alludes directly to this Epistle *ἀναλάβετε τὴν ἐπιστολὴν τοῦ μακαρίου Παύλου τοῦ ἀποστόλου...ἐπέστειλεν ὑμῖν περὶ αὐτοῦ τε καὶ Κηφᾶ τε καὶ Ἀπολλὼ κ.τ.λ.* For an equally strong instance of the use of the

metaphor see Hebr. vi. 6 ἀνασταυροῦντας ἐαυτοῖς τὸν νιὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ παραδειγματίζοντας.

Some would give to *μερέπισται* the sense of ‘assigned as a share’ (‘Has Christ become the badge of a party?’), in which case the words would refer solely to the section described as ἐγώ δὲ Χριστοῦ. It does not appear however that *μερίζειν* absolutely could well have this meaning; though in certain connexions, as in the construction *μερίζειν τινί τι*, it would be natural enough.

μὴ Παῦλος ἐσταυρώθη] ‘surely Paul was not crucified for you.’ The appeal is not simply to their gratitude towards one who has laid down his life for them, but to their sense of justice. ‘You were not purchased by the blood of Paul, you have not become the property of Paul.’ Compare 1 Cor. vi. 19, 20, vii. 23, where this idea of ownership is brought out. The idea will of course be more strongly implied here if the reading is *ὑπέρ*, than if *περί*. The balance of evidence is slightly in favour of *ὑπέρ*.

εἰς τὸ ὄνομα Παύλου] ‘into the name of,’ not ‘in the name of’ as in the E. V. The preposition implies both ‘subjection to and communion with’ another. The phrase is sometimes ἐπὶ τῷ ὄνόματι (Acts ii. 38 v. l.), sometimes ἐν τῷ ὄνόματι (Acts x. 48), but more frequently the stronger *εἰς τὸ ὄνομα* (Matt. xxviii. 19, Acts viii. 16, xix. 5).

It is unsafe to infer from such expressions as this (comp. Acts x. 48, xix. 5 and Hermas V. iii. 7. 3 θέλοντες βαπτισθῆναι εἰς τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ Κυρίου) that the formula of baptism in the name of the Trinity (as commanded Matt. xxviii. 19) was dispensed with, and the name of Jesus alone pronounced. Baptism in or into the name of Jesus is to be regarded as an abridged expression to signify Christian baptism, retaining the characteristic element in the formula. Justin Martyr at least recognises only baptism in the name of the Trinity (*Apol.* i. § 61, p. 94 A) and see *Clem. Recogn.* iii. 67, *Tertull. c. Praxeian* § 27. Certain heretics however baptized solely in the name of Christ, and in the discussion on rebaptism it was a question whether such baptism was valid. See a full account in Bingham’s *Christian Antiquities*, XI. c. iii. § 1 and comp. Neander *Pfl. u. Leit.* § 276, *Ch. Hist.* (Bohn’s translation) II. pp. 430, 446 sq., who however leans to the opinion that baptism in the name of Christ alone is intended in these passages of Scripture, as did St Ambrose also *de Spir. Sanct.* i. 3.

14. Κρίσπον] The ruler of the synagogue whose whole household was converted, probably among the earliest Corinthian converts. Crispus (like Cincinnatus, etc. referring originally to the hair) is a common Roman cognomen, and occurs frequently also as a Jewish name. See the passages cited by Lightfoot and Wetstein here.

Γαῖον] St Paul (Rom. xvi. 23) speaks of Gaius as ‘mine host and of the whole Church,’ so that he would appear to have lodged with him during his (now approaching) third visit to Corinth. Several persons

of the name appear in the N. T. It was an ordinary prænomen among the Romans, and being common to several distinguished members of the Imperial family, like Julius, Claudius etc., was probably more in vogue than ever at this epoch. Whether this is the same with the Gaius addressed in 3 John, it is impossible to say. They are both commended in similar terms for their hospitality : comp. 3 John 5, 6. But the Gaius of St John seems to be spoken of as a younger man or at least a young disciple, whereas the Gaius of St Paul cannot have been either when St John wrote. The correct pronunciation and probably the correct form in Latin is Gaius, as it is always written in Greek. The same character in Latin originally stood for C and G : comp. Donaldson *Varron.* vii. § 3, p. 291.

15. *ἴνα μή τις εἴπῃ*] is to be connected with the whole sentence *εὐχαριστῶ...βάπτισα*, not with *οὐδένα βάπτισα* alone. ‘I am thankful it was so, that no one may have it in his power to say.’ It is not meant that St Paul at the time abstained from baptizing, foreseeing this result, but that afterwards he was glad that it was so. ‘Providentia Dei regnat sæpe in rebus, quarum ratio postea cognoscitur’ Bengel.

εἰς τὸ ἐμὸν σὸνα] as certain heretics actually did, or are reputed to have done, e.g. Menander (in Pseudo-Tertull. *adv. omn. Hær.* c. 1.) and others. See the references in Bingham, XI. c. iii. § 5.

βαπτίσθητε] the correct reading, not *βάπτισα*.

16. The verse was an afterthought. He was perhaps reminded of the omission by his amanuensis, who may have been Stephanas himself or one of his household, for they were with him at the time (1 Cor. xvi. 15, 17). Perhaps Fortunatus and Achaicus were members of his household. The house of Stephanas is spoken of in 1 Cor. 1. c. as the first-fruits of Achaia. This will account for their being baptized by the Apostle’s own hand.

On the undesigned coincidences between the Acts and Epistles lurking under these names see Paley *Hor. Paul.* III. § 8.

17. *οὐ γὰρ ἀπέστειλε*] Baptism might be performed by a subordinate. It presupposed no extraordinary gifts on the part of the performer, for its efficacy consisted in the spirit of the recipient and the grace of God, *ἡ γὰρ προαιρεσις τοῦ προσιόντος λοιπὸν ἐργάζεται τὸ πᾶν, καὶ η τοῦ Θεοῦ χάρις* : but successful preaching requires special gifts.

Hence we find that our Lord did not baptize Himself, but left this work to His disciples (John iv. 1, 2). And the Apostles followed this precedent, as St Peter (Acts x. 48), and St Paul here. St Paul was generally attended by one or more of the brethren, who ministered to him and on whom this office would devolve (Acts xiii. 5 *εἰχον Ιωάννην ὑπηρέτην*, xix. 22 *δύο τῶν διακονούντων αὐτῷ Τιμόθεον καὶ Ἐραστον*, both phrases pointing to a recognised position, more or less official).

οὐκ ἐν σοφίᾳ λόγουν] St Paul is eager to obviate any misapprehension which might arise from his exaltation of the ordinance of preaching. There were many members of the Corinthian Church who would eagerly seize hold of this concession as they would regard it. It is not as a mere

display of rhetoric, or of logical subtlety that he exalts it. This might require special gifts, but not the gifts of the Spirit.

It is questioned whether ἐν σοφίᾳ λόγου refers to the form or the matter of the teaching. So far as it is possible to separate the two, this question is best answered by determining against which party the implied rebuke is directed. We can scarcely be wrong in assuming this to be the party which affected to follow Apollos the man of eloquence (*ἀνὴρ λόγιος*, Acts xviii. 24). If so, the reference must be mainly to form, through the natural tendency of the Corinthian mind to attach too much importance to the graces of diction : for the substance of Apollos' teaching cannot have differed from that of St Paul in any such degree as to have been exaggerated into a party question. The *σοφίᾳ λόγου* then will refer not only to the luxuriant rhetoric, but also to the dialectic subtleties of the Alexandrian method, which we find to an exaggerated degree in the writings of Philo and some of the Alexandrian fathers.

κενωθῆ] 'be emptied,' i.e. 'dwindle to nothing, vanish under the weight of rhetorical ornament and dialectic subtlety.' For *κενοῦν* compare 1 Cor. ix. 15, 2 Cor. ix. 3.

(b) *The unhealthy craving after σοφία. God's folly triumphant over man's wisdom* (i. 18—ii. 5).

18. Through this incidental allusion to preaching St Paul passes to a new subject. The dissensions in the Corinthian Church are for a time forgotten, and he takes the opportunity of correcting his converts for their undue exaltation of human eloquence and wisdom. He returns from this digression to his former theme almost imperceptibly at the beginning of the third chapter. The link of connexion in both cases is equally subtle.

ὁ λόγος γὰρ κ.τ.λ.] The connexion is as follows : 'For the preaching with which we are concerned—the preaching of the Cross—is the very antithesis to *σοφίᾳ λόγου*. It has no triumphs of rhetoric or subtleties of dialectic to offer to those whose hearts are set on such trifles. To such it appears to be but foolishness : and this is a sign that they are on the way of destruction.' On the repetition of *λόγος* see note ii. 6 *σοφίαν*.

ὁ λόγος ὁ τοῦ σταυροῦ] here used as co-extensive with the preaching of the Gospel, just as **ὁ σταυρὸς τοῦ Χριστοῦ** in the previous verse denotes the substance of the Gospel. This expression shows clearly the stress which St Paul laid on the death of Christ, not merely as a great moral spectacle and so the crowning point of a life of self-renunciation, but as in itself the ordained instrument of salvation.

ἀπολλυμένοις, σωζομένοις] 'those who are in the path of destruction, of salvation.' 'In the language of the New Testament salvation is a thing of the past, a thing of the present, and a thing of the future. St Paul says sometimes "Ye (or we) were saved" (Rom viii. 24), or "Ye have been saved" (Ephes. ii. 5, 8), sometimes "Ye are being saved" (1 Cor. xv. 2),

and sometimes "Ye shall be saved" (Rom. x. 9, 13). It is important to observe this, because we are thus taught that *σωτηρία* involves a moral condition which must have begun already, though it will receive its final accomplishment hereafter. Godliness, righteousness, is life, is salvation. And it is hardly necessary to say that the divorce of morality and religion must be fostered and encouraged by failing to note this, and so laying the whole stress either on the past or on the future—on the first call or on the final charge.' *On a Fresh Revision*, p. 104, ed. 3 (1891). For *ἀπολλυμένοις* compare 2 Cor. ii. 15, iv. 3, 2 Thess. ii. 10; for *σωζόμενοις* 2 Cor. ii. 15, Acts ii. 47; see also Luke xiii. 23 *εἰ δὲ γίγνονται οἱ σωζόμενοι*. Comp. also Clem. Rom. § 58, *Clem. Hom.* xv. 10, *Apost. Const.* viii. 5, 7, 8. The idea of final acceptance or rejection is obviously excluded in the present tense: nor is it at all necessarily implied by the past tense, if we remember that the knowledge of God is in itself *σωτηρία*, and those who are brought to that knowledge are *σεσωσμένοι*; just as they are said to belong to the *βασιλείᾳ τοῦ Θεοῦ*, though they may not attain to the blissful consummation of their salvation, and may be excluded from the future kingdom of Christ by falling away. For St Paul's way of speaking compare the note on ver. 2 *ἡγιασμένοις* and ver. 9 *κοινωνίᾳ*.

τοῖς δὲ σωζόμενοις τῷ μὲν] This order, which is somewhat unnatural, is adopted in order to bring out the opposition between *οἱ ἀπολλύμενοι* and *οἱ σωζόμενοι* sharply. At the same time it serves to smooth down the prominence of *ἡμῖν*.

δύναμις Θεοῦ] The direct opposition to *μωρία* would require *σοφία* Θεοῦ, but the word *δύναμις* is instinctively substituted to show that it is not the intellectual excellence so much as the moral power of the doctrine of the Cross on which the Apostle lays stress. At the same time, inasmuch as *μωρία* involves the notion of vainness, inefficiency, *δύναμις* is no unnatural opposition.

19. *ἀπολῶ κ.τ.λ.*] A quotation from Isaiah xxix. 14. By this appeal to Scripture St Paul enforces the two points, which are brought out in the preceding verse: *first*, the opposition between the wisdom of the world and the power of God, and *secondly*, the destruction of the wise of this world. Compare *ἀπολῶ* with *τοῖς ἀπολλυμένοις* of ver. 18.

The passage is taken from the LXX. with this difference that St Paul has substituted *ἀθετήσω* for *κρύψω*. In the Hebrew the sentence is in a passive form: 'the wisdom of their wise shall perish etc.' The spirit of the application here is in exact accordance with the original context of the passage. The opposition there is between the *ἐντάλματα ἀνθρώπων καὶ διδασκαλίας* (ver. 13, a passage cited by our Lord Matt. xv. 8, 9) and the power of God which shall be exerted to the ruin of those who trust in human teaching. The original reference however is to a temporary calamity, the invasion of Sennacherib; and the application which St Paul makes of the passage, in a spiritual and more comprehensive sense, is after the common analogy of the New Testament writers.

σοφίαν, σύνεσιν] On the distinction between these two terms see the note on Col. i. 9. They are explained in Arist. *Eth. Nic.* vi. 7, 10. The first is a creative, the second a discerning faculty.

20. **ποῦ σοφός; κ.τ.λ.]** These words are a loose paraphrase of Isaiah xxxiii. 18. They are certainly not intended as a quotation, for the language diverges too much both from the Hebrew and LXX. The original passage describes the overthrow of Sennacherib, who had attacked the people of God. It runs in the LXX. ποῦ εἰσιν οἱ γραμματικοί; ποῦ εἰσιν οἱ συμβουλεύοντες; ποῦ ἔστιν ὁ ἀριθμῶν τοὺς τρεφομένους μικρὸν καὶ μέγαν λαόν; perhaps translated from a corrupt text. The meaning of the Hebrew is given in Bishop Lowth's translation: 'Where is now the accomptant? where the weigher of tribute? where is he that numbereth the towers?' The annihilation of the officers of Sennacherib's army is intended by these words. In place of these St Paul substitutes the leaders in the world of thought, who war against the spiritual Israel. From this it will be seen that the passage in Isaiah will not aid us to the interpretation of the individual words *σοφός*, *γραμματεύς*, *συνζητητής*, the form of the sentence only being the same and the general application analogous, while the similarity of *γραμματικοί* of the LXX. in Isaiah and *γραμματεύς* in St Paul is merely accidental, or at best suggested the paraphrase by its appeal to the ear.

σοφός, γραμματεύς, συνζητητής] Two explanations of these words deserve consideration. *First*, *σοφός* is the general term including both the Jewish and Greek teachers, *γραμματεύς* is the Jewish scribe, *συνζητητής* the Greek philosopher. But against this interpretation it may be urged (1) that *σοφός* more fitly designates the Greek philosopher than *συνζητητής*, being the word specially reserved for this meaning among the Greeks themselves; see Theodoret (ad loc.) καλεῖ σοφὸν τὸν τῇ Ἑλληνικῇ στωμαλίᾳ κοσμούμενον, Clem. Alex. *Strom.* I. 3. 23, p. 329, and above all Rom. i. 23 φάσκοντες εἶναι σοφοὶ ἐμωράνθησαν. Compare also the Jewish proverb quoted by Lightfoot (*H. H.* ad loc.) 'Cursed is he that herdeth hogs, and cursed is he that teacheth his son Grecian wisdom.' (2) This interpretation seems to require τοῦ αἰώνος τούτον to be taken with all three words, whereas the repetition of ποῦ separates the clauses. For these reasons it is better, *secondly*, to take *σοφός* as the Greek philosopher, *γραμματεύς* as the Jewish scribe, and *συνζητητής* τοῦ αἰώνος τούτον as the comprehensive term, a general expression comprehending both, τοῦ αἰώνος τούτον being confined to the last of the three. The use of *σοφία* just below in the phrase τὴν *σοφίαν* τοῦ κόσμου, as including both, is not a sufficient reason for discarding this interpretation. A stronger argument in favour of this explanation might be drawn from ver. 22, where *σοφία* is used of the Greeks alone.

Both these senses recognise a special mention of Jew and Greek severally, and this seems to be required by the sequel ἐπειδὴ καὶ Ἰουδαῖοι... καὶ Ἕλληνες (ver. 22). This in itself is decisive in favour of rejecting

other distinctions, as for instance that *σοφὸς* is the ethical and metaphysical philosopher, *γραμματεὺς* the historian and literary man, *συνζητητὴς* the naturalist and man of science—a distinction which has quite a modern smack. Moreover *γραμματεὺς* can only be a learned man when applied to the Jewish scribe: in the ordinary Greek vocabulary it denotes a civil officer, ‘a town-clerk’ or ‘secretary,’ e.g. Acts xix. 35; Eccl. xxxviii. 24. *σοφίᾳ γραμματέως ἐν εὐκαιρίᾳ σχολῆς* is not an exception.

The Jewish writers (see the passages in Wetstein) included in their general picture of the corruption of the age at the time of Messiah’s coming the failing of Rabbinical wisdom, apparently with a reference to Isaiah xxxiii. 18. With regard to the heathen, we have here the germ of the thought which St Paul afterwards expands so strikingly in the first chapter of the Epistle to the Romans, especially vv. 21, 22 *ἐμπαταύθησαν ἐν τοῖς διαλογισμοῖς αὐτῶν καὶ ἐσκοτίσθη ἡ ἀσύνετος αὐτῶν καρδία· φάσκοντες εἶναι σοφοὶ ἐμφανέστησαν, καὶ ἥλλαξαν κ.τ.λ.* See also the notes on οὐχὶ ἐμφάνεν ὁ Θεὸς below and on ἐν τῇ σοφίᾳ τοῦ Θεοῦ in the next verse. For a similar instance of an expansion see xv. 56.

τοῦ αἰώνος τούτου] On this expression, as opposed to ὁ αἰών ὁ μελλων or αἰών ἔκεινος ‘Messiah’s reign,’ compare Usteri *Paul. Lehrb.* p. 327 sq. The phrase had a temporal meaning, as originally employed by the Jews; but as St Paul uses it, it is rather ethical in its signification, there being no sharp division in time between ‘the age of the world’ and ‘the age of Messiah.’

οὐχὶ ἐμφάνεν ὁ Θεὸς] ‘did not God render vain’; and this in two ways, (1) by exhibiting its intrinsic worthlessness and corrupt results, and (2) by the power of the Cross set in opposition to it and triumphing over it, as explained in the following verse. The process of this *μωραίνειν* in the case of the Gentiles is portrayed in the passage from the Romans quoted above. The hand of God is there distinctly recognised, διὸ παρέδωκεν αὐτοὺς ὁ Θεὸς ἐν ταῖς ἐπιθυμίαις κ.τ.λ. ‘While the reason strove to raise itself,’ remarks Neander, ‘above Polytheism, it was betrayed into Pantheism only to fall at last into scepticism.’ Yet it is rather their moral degradation, as resulting from their idolatry, that St Paul must have had in his mind, as the passage in the Epistle to the Romans shows.

τοῦ κόσμου] Omit *τούτου*, which has been introduced to conform to *τοῦ αἰώνος τούτου* above; *κόσμος* is in itself ‘the existing order of things,’ and needs no specification like *αἰών*. We never find ὁ *κόσμος* ὁ *μελλων*. *Κόσμος* is used as synonymous with *αἰών*, as in 1 Cor. iii. 18, 19: compare also 1 Cor. ii. 6 with ii. 12 and Eph. ii. 2, where we have *κατὰ τὸν αἰώνα τοῦ κόσμου τούτου*. So far as there is any difference between the two words, *αἰών* would seem, like ‘sæculum,’ to refer to the prevailing ideas and feelings of the present life, and *κόσμος* to its gross, material character; and the two would be contrasted, though not so sharply, in the same way as ‘the world’ and ‘the flesh.’

21. ἐπειδὴ γὰρ] explaining the manner of ἐμώρανεν in the preceding verse.

ἐν τῇ σοφίᾳ τοῦ Θεοῦ] is explained in two ways. (1) ‘When the world failed to recognise God in the works of His wisdom’: *σοφία* denoting the wisdom of God as displayed in the works of creation to the Gentiles and in the Mosaic dispensation to the Jews. Or (2) ‘when owing to the wise dispensation of God the world failed to recognise Him etc.’ The first interpretation produces indeed a stronger resemblance to Rom. i. 18 sq. of which this passage is the germ; compare especially ver. 20 τὰ γὰρ ἀόρατα αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ κτίσεως κόσμου τοῖς ποιήμασιν νοούμενα καθορᾶται κ.τ.λ., and see Wisd. xiii. 1. But everything else is in favour of the second rendering. For *first*, it is harsh to attribute to *σοφία* a concrete sense, as ‘the works of His intelligence’: *secondly*, the position of ἐν τῇ σοφίᾳ τοῦ Θεοῦ points to it, as giving the explanation of οὐκ ἔγνω ὁ κόσμος κ.τ.λ.: and *thirdly*, the sense suits the context better, as accounting for ἐμώρανεν ὁ Θεὸς which idea it assists the following εὐδόκησεν διὰ τῆς μωρίας in carrying out. Even the corruption of the world was in a certain sense God’s doing, inasmuch as He permitted it with a providential end in view: comp. Rom. xi. 32.

ὁ κόσμος] here includes Jew as well as Gentile. The Pharisee, no less than the Greek philosopher, had a *σοφία* of his own, which stood between his heart and the knowledge of God.

διὰ τῆς σοφίας] is taken either of ‘the wisdom of God,’ or of ‘the wisdom of the world.’ The latter is probably correct, as it presents the same opposition to διὰ τῆς μωρίας τοῦ κηρύγματος which runs through the context.

τοῦ κηρύγματος] ‘of the thing preached,’ ‘the proclamation’; not *τῆς κηρύξεως*. It refers therefore to the subject, not to the manner of the preaching. There is only the very slightest approach in classical writers to this sense of the words *κηρύσσειν*, *κήρυγμα* etc., as denoting ‘instruction,’ ‘teaching.’ The metaphor, if it can be called a metaphor, is perhaps derived from the Jewish theocracy, and involves the notion of heralding the approach of a king (Matt. iii. 1, iv. 17), or of proclaiming an edict of a sovereign. But it seems to be very rarely used in a sense approaching to this, even in the LXX.

22. The following verses (22—25) contain a confirmation and amplification of the assertion in ver. 21, in its twofold bearing. They maintain *first*, that the preaching of the gospel is directly opposed to the wisdom of the world, whether displayed in the sign-seeking of the Jews, or the philosophical subtleties of the Greeks (the *σοφία par excellence*); and *secondly*, that this foolishness of God triumphs over the wisdom of the world.

καὶ Ἰουδαῖοι...καὶ Ἔλληνες] i.e. ‘the Jews no less than the Gentiles have gone astray.’ Compare Rom. iii. 9 προγνωσάμεθα γὰρ Ἰουδαίους τε καὶ Ἔλληνας πάντας νέφ' ἀμαρτίαν εἶναι. The particles καὶ...καὶ correspond to each other, and attach the two sentences together. The absence of a

μὲν in this clause, answering to *ἡμεῖς δέ*, is to be accounted for by supposing that the Apostle had not cast the form of the latter part of the sentence in his mind, when he commenced it.

[*Τουδαῖοι, "Ελλῆνες*] The absence of the article shows that they are spoken of rather with a view to their attributes than to their individuality, 'Jews as Jews,' 'Greeks as Greeks.'

[*σημεῖα*] the correct reading, for which the received text has *σημεῖον*. The whole force of the passage here comes from the meaning 'miraculous sign' as applied to *σημεῖον*. Compare Matt. xii. 38 sq., xvi. 1 sq., John ii. 18, vi. 30, incidents to which St Paul may be alluding indirectly, though doubtless the Apostles were frequently met by the Jews with the demand 'give us a sign,' as our Lord had been. It is not difficult to conjecture in what sense the Jews asked for 'signs.' Signs were vouchsafed in plenty, signs of God's power and love, but these were not the signs which they sought. They wanted signs of an outward Messianic Kingdom, of temporal triumph, of material greatness for the chosen people. See *Biblical Essays*, p. 150 sq. for Jewish expectation of signs to be wrought by the Messiah, and the references in Wetstein on Matt. xvi. 1. With such cravings the gospel of a 'crucified Messiah' (*Χριστὸν ἐσταυρωμένον*) was to them a stumbling-block indeed.

[*Ἐλλῆνες σοφίᾳ*] This characteristic of the Greeks was noted by Anacharsis in Herod. iv. 77, *"Ἐλλῆνας πάντας ἀσχόλους εἶναι πρὸς πᾶσαν σοφίν.* He excepts however the Lacedaemonians.

[*αἰτοῦσιν, ζητοῦσιν*] The same accurate appreciation of the difference between Jew and Gentile as regards the reception of the Gospel, which dictated the whole passage, is visible in these words. All the terms are carefully chosen. The importunity of the Jews is expressed by *αἰτεῖν*, the curious speculative turn of the Greeks by *ζητεῖν*.

23. An instructive commentary on this passage is furnished by the different arguments which Justin Martyr employs in combating Jewish and Greek assailants in the Apologies and the Dialogue with Trypho. See Blunt *Church in the First Three Centuries* (1861), p. 120 sq.

The Jews looked to material, outward privileges, the Greeks sought satisfaction for their intellectual cravings. The preaching of the Cross commended itself to neither. It is a moral and spiritual power.

[*ἡμεῖς δὲ κηρύσσομεν*] 'but we *preach*', i.e. 'we do not discuss or dispute.'

[*Χριστὸν ἐσταυρωμένον*] 'a crucified Messiah,' not as the E. V., 'Christ crucified.' The expression is a sort of oxymoron. It is not so much the person as the office which is denoted here by *Χριστός*. By suffering He was to redeem; by suffering He was to make many perfect. His Messiahship and His Cross were necessarily connected. To the Jew however *Χριστὸς ἐσταυρωμένος* was a contradiction in terms: to the Greek it would be simply meaningless. The great difficulty of the Jews in overcoming the idea of a crucified Messiah appears from the very first.

See Acts xxvi. 23, where St Paul states that one of the main theses which he had to maintain was that the Christ was to suffer. Consequently we find that the Apologists in arguing with the Jews had to explain this difficulty (Ariston of Pella in Routh *R. S. I.* p. 95, Justin Martyr *Dial. c. Tryph.* c. 69, p. 323 C, Tertull. *adv. Judaeos* § 10). On this point see further in *Galatians*, p. 152 sq. An illustration of this difficulty we have in the fact that the later Jews, recognising the prediction of the prophets that the Messiah should suffer, were driven to the expedient of supposing two Christs, both a suffering and a glorified Redeemer, called respectively Ben Joseph and Ben David. There is no trace however of this distinction until Christian arguments from prophecy forced it upon Jewish apologists. See Bertholdt *Christol.* § 17, p. 75 sq., Gfrörer *Jahr. des Heils* II. p. 318 sq., and compare Stanley, p. 51. With regard to the general abhorrence of the Cross by the Gentiles see Cicero *pro Rabirio*, c. 5 'nomen ipsum crucis absit non modo a corpore civium Romanorum, sed etiam a cogitatione, oculis, auribus,' comp. *Verr.* v. 64. That this 'stumbling-block of the cross' existed not only in the apostolic age but that it continued for generations later appears from many indications. Thus Lucian (*de morte Peregr.* c. 13) speaks of our Lord as 'the gibbeted sophist,' τὸν ἀνεκολοπυμένον ἐκέινον σοφιστήν; but perhaps the best illustration of the popular feeling is the well-known caricature of a slave falling down before an ass hanging on a gibbet with the inscription Αλεξαμενος σεβετε θεον, found in the Paedagogium on the Palatine, and now in the Museo Kircheriano. So Celsus (*Orig. c. Cels.* iv. 7) speaks of the Christians as 'actually worshipping a dead man' (ὄντως νεκρὸν σέβοντας), a *reductio ad absurdum* in his opinion. The Emperor Julian after his apostasy uses similar language. See also the note on Phil. ii. 8.

σκάνδαλον] Σκάνδαλον corresponds to *σημεῖα, μωρίαν* to *σοφίαν*. Instead of finding signs or tokens of the approach of Messiah's Kingdom, finger-posts guiding them thereto, they found a hindrance to their belief in that approach.

24. **αὐτοῖς δὲ τοῖς κλητοῖς]** 'but to the believers themselves,' whatever it might be to others. 'Though they see that those around them regard the cross as a stumbling-block or as foolishness, yet they themselves know it to be' etc. This is the force of *αὐτοῖς*, which is added because the passage is expressed from the standpoint of the believer. The meaning of *αὐτοῖς* would have been more clear if St Paul had said *αὐτοῖς δὲ ήμῖν*, but he avoids the first person because he wishes no longer to restrict the application to the preachers (*ήμεις δὲ κηρύσσομεν*) of whom he has been speaking hitherto. *Αὐτοῖς δὲ τοῖς κλητοῖς* cannot mean, 'to them, viz. the called'; *first*, because this is very questionable Greek, and *secondly*, because there is nothing nearer than *τοὺς πιστεύοντας* (ver. 21) to which to refer the pronoun. On *τοῖς κλητοῖς* see ver. 2 above.

Χριστὸν] The repetition of this word is emphatic. 'Christ crucified'

of the former clause is now ‘Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.’

δύναμις] corresponds to *σημεῖα* of ver. 22, as *σοφίαν* does to *σοφίαν*. The analogy between *δύναμις* and *σημεῖα* will appear, if we remember that the signs, which the Jews sought, were manifestations of kingly power.

The terms *δύναμις* and *σοφία* applied to our Lord are suggested by what has gone before. He is the reality of that power of which the Jews were pursuing the shadow, of that wisdom for which the Greeks were substituting a counterfeit. At the same time they have a deeper meaning. They appeal to the theosophy of the day, and declare Christ to be the Eternal Word of God. For both *δύναμις* (*Θεοῦ*) and *σοφία* (*Θεοῦ*) are synonyms for *Δόγος* in the phraseology of Jewish speculators. For *δύναμις* in the sense of an emanation of the Godhead see Acts viii. 10, for *σοφία* see Luke xi. 49.

25. **τῶν ἀνθρώπων**] St Paul in abridging the comparison is only following a common Greek idiom: e.g. Eur. *Med.* 1342, 3 λέαιναν, οὐ γυνάκι, τῆς Τυρσηνίδος Σκύλλης ἔχουσαν ἀγριωτέραν φύσιν. See Jelf, *Gr.* § 781 d, Winer, § xxxv. p. 307. At the same time the expression here is more forcible than if it had been written in full τῆς σοφίας (τῆς ἴσχύος) **τῶν ἀνθρώπων**. The very foolishness of God is wiser than men and all that is in man.

Tertullian’s comment is ‘Quid est stultum Dei sapientius hominibus, nisi crux et mors Christi? Quid infirmum Dei fortius homine, nisi nativitas et caro Dei?’ (*c. Marcion.* v. 5). The separation however in this comment is not justified by the text.

26. ‘Is not this in accordance with your own experience? Thus not only in the means of redemption, but in the persons of the redeemed, is the weakness of God declared to be stronger than men. Not only is the power of God seen in the effect of the preaching of a crucified Messiah: it is evidenced also in the fact that preachers and believers alike are chiefly drawn from the weak and the despised of the world.’

βλέπετε γὰρ] ‘for look at your calling,’ the circumstances under which ye were called to Christianity. Not an indicative but an imperative mood: compare viii. 9, x. 12, 18, xvi. 10, Phil. iii. 2 and frequently in St Paul. The passage is more vigorous when thus taken: ‘excitat quasi torpentes ad rem ipsam considerandam’ says Calvin. And the emphatic position of **βλέπετε** seems to require it. Otherwise the order would probably have been **τὴν κλήσιν ὑμῶν βλέπετε**, as in 2 Cor. x. 7 **τὰ κατὰ πρόσωπον βλέπετε**.

τὴν κλήσιν ὑμῶν] ‘the manner of your calling’; here and elsewhere with a special reference to their station in life at the time of their calling. This idea however is not contained in the word *κλῆσις* itself, but is derived from the context, as also in vii. 20. *Κλῆσις* in itself never signifies a ‘vocation’ or ‘calling in life.’ It is the calling to the know-

ledge of the Gospel, and it may or may not, according to the context, have reference to the circumstances under which the calling took place. On the Pauline interchange of *κλῆσις* and *ἐκλογὴ* see on Col. iii. 12 ὡς *ἐκλεκτοὶ τοῦ Θεοῦ*, and compare 1 Thess. i. 4, 2 Thess. i. 11. It will be observed here that St Paul uses the verb *ἔξελέξατο* in ver. 27 as corresponding to the substantive *κλῆσιν*.

ὅτι] 'how that.' For this construction compare the note on 1 Thess. i. 5 (a passage which is mistranslated in the E. V.). It is the *ὅτι*, which introduces the idea of manner or circumstances into *κλῆσις*.

κατὰ σάρκα] should probably be taken with all three words *σοφοί*, *δυνατοί*, *εὐγενεῖς*. The position of the qualifying phrase after the first of the three is much more in favour of this conjecture than if it had been placed after the last, as for instance in ver. 20. Besides it applies equally well to all three. There is a spiritual *δύναμις* and a spiritual *εὐγένεια*, as well as a spiritual *σοφία*. The Bereans are examples of this spiritual nobility (*οὗτοι ήσαν εὐγενέστεροι τῶν ἐν Θεσσαλονίκη* Acts xvii. 11). Lastly, *τοῦ κόσμου* is repeated with the opposites of all three in the next verse.

οὐ πολλοὶ] 'not many.' The phrase is not equivalent to *οὐδεῖς*, for there were some few exceptions. In the Church of Corinth Erastus 'the chamberlain of the city' (Rom. xvi. 23) might perhaps be reckoned among the *δυνατοί*. That the majority of the first converts from heathendom were either slaves or freedmen, appears from their names. Compare especially the salutations in the last chapter of the Roman Epistle (see on this *Philippians*, p. 171 sq.), and the remarks of Merivale, *History of the Romans* (1858), vol. VI. p. 265 sq.

The sentence is elliptical and a verb must be understood from the context. The reference however in *οὐ πολλοὶ κ.τ.λ.* is probably to be confined neither to the teachers as such, nor to the taught as such (as different commentators have maintained); but to be extended to the converts generally. Accordingly some less precise term is needed than *ἐκλήθησαν* or *ἔξελέχθησαν*, though in one sense *ἐκλήθησαν* is applicable, for teachers and taught alike are 'called.' On the brachylogies of St Paul see the note on ver. 31, and on this passage Dr Ainslie in the *Journal of Philology* (1868) II. p. 158.

This fact of the social condition of the early Christians is the constant boast of the first Apologists as the glory of Christianity. See especially Justin Martyr *Apol.* ii. 9 Χριστῷ οὐ φιλόσοφοι οὐδὲ φιλόλογοι μόνον ἐπεισθησαν, ἀλλὰ καὶ χειροτέχναι καὶ παντελῶς ἴδιωται καὶ δόξης καὶ φόβου καὶ θανάτου καταφρονήσαντες, ἐπειδὴ δύναμις ἔστι τοῦ ἀρρήτου Πατρὸς κ.τ.λ.; and Origen c. *Cels.* II. 79 καὶ οὐ θαυμαστὸν εἰ τῶν φρονίμων· ἀλλὰ καὶ τῶν ἀλογωτάτων καὶ τοῖς πάθεσιν ἐγκειμένων...ἀλλ’ ἐπεὶ δύναμις τοῦ Θεοῦ ὁ Χριστὸς ήν καὶ σοφία τοῦ Πατρός, διὰ τοῦτο ταῦτα πεποίηκεν καὶ ἔτι ποιεῖ κ.τ.λ.

27, 28. ἀλλὰ κ.τ.λ.] Μωρά, ἀσθενῆ, ἀγενῆ καὶ τὰ ἔξουθενημένα are the

opposites of *σοφοί*, *δυνατοί*, *εὐγενεῖς*. See the note on the reading *καὶ τὰ μὴ ὄντα* below. The omission of the words *ἴνα καταισχύνῃ τοὺς σοφούς*, *καὶ τὰ ἀσθενῆ τοῦ κόσμου ἐξελέξατο ὁ Θεὸς* in some uncial MSS. probably arises out of a confusion due to the repetition of the same words *ἐξελέξατο ὁ Θεός*. Origen is guilty of a different error. He omits from the first to the third *ἐξελέξατο ὁ Θεός*. The neuters (e.g. *τὰ μωρὰ* for *οἱ μωροί*) are adopted in preference to the masculines, as sinking the individuality and conveying an idea of meanness in the objects, and thus bringing out the point of the contrast more strongly.

The repetition of *ἐξελέξατο ὁ Θεὸς* is emphatic. The effect is the same as in the reiteration of *κλητὸς* ver. 1 (where see the note). St Paul is penetrated with the intense conviction that our calling is not of ourselves but of God; and expresses himself accordingly. Thus he is already preparing us for the precept with which he closes the paragraph, 'Ο καυχώμενος ἐν Κυρίῳ καυχάσθω.

28. *τὰ μὴ ὄντα*] The omission of the particle *καὶ* before *τὰ μὴ ὄντα* is justifiable on external authority alone, though the evidence in its favour (*N³B³C³D³L*) is considerable. It is however not found in *NAC¹D¹FG* and several of the early fathers. Certainly the sense gains by the omission. The three classes which are the opposites to *σοφοί*, *δυνατοί*, *εὐγενεῖς* have been already enumerated (though in the last the supplementary clause *ἴνα καταισχύνῃ τὰ εὐγενή* is not expressed and has to be supplied by the reader). The strong expression *τὰ μὴ ὄντα* is now added as at once a climax and a summary of what has gone before.

The negative *μὴ* is generally explained here as denoting not the objective fact (*τὰ οὐκ ὄντα*) but the subjective impression, 'things reputed non-existent.' So apparently Winer § lv, p. 608. This however would weaken the force of the contrast, and it is probable that it denotes simply the class-attributes, 'such things as are not,' according to its ordinary usage. Compare Xen. *Anab.* iv. 4. 15 *οὐτος γὰρ ἐδόκει καὶ πρότερον πολλὰ ἥδη ἀληθεύσαι τοιαῦτα, τὰ ὄντα τε ὡς ὄντα καὶ τὰ μὴ ὄντα ὡς οὐκ ὄντα*, where the sense is obvious and has nothing to do with the subjective impression. See also Jelf, *Gr.* § 746. 2, and Eur. *Troad.* 608 (cited by Alford) *Ορῶ τὰ τῶν θεῶν, ὡς τὰ μὲν πυργοῦσ' ἄνω Τὰ μηδὲν δύντα, τὰ δὲ δοκοῦντ' ἀπώλεσαν.* In fact *τὰ μὴ ὄντα* is much more usual than *τὰ οὐκ ὄντα* in the sense of 'things not existing.'

καταργήσῃ] 'annihilate, reduce to non-entity.' This strong expression is substituted for the weaker *καταισχύνῃ*, as the opposition to *τὰ μὴ ὄντα* requires.

29. *ὅπως μὴ καυχήσηται πᾶσα σάρξ*] 'that no flesh may boast,' 'that all flesh may be prevented from boasting.' Compare Acts x. 14 *οὐδέποτε ἔφαγον πᾶν κοινὸν* 'I have always avoided eating everything common,' Rom. iii. 20 *οὐ δικαιωθήσεται πᾶσα σάρξ ἐνώπιον αὐτοῦ.* In such cases the negative is attached closely to the verb which it immediately precedes. This seems to be scarcely a classical usage of *πᾶς* with the negative,

and the analogy of the classical *οὐ πάντα* (with which on the other hand compare *οὐ πάντως* Rom. iii. 9) is apparent, rather than real. It is a common Hebraism, and the corresponding Hebrew (כְלַבְשׁ), showing that *πᾶσα σάρξ* are to be regarded as one word, assists to explain how *πᾶσα* is unaffected by the negative which refers solely to the verb.

ἐνώπιον τοῦ Θεοῦ] The preposition conveys an idea of boldness and independence. As Bengel says; ‘*Non coram illo, sed in illo gloriari possumus.*’ See ver. 31.

30. ‘Nay, so far from there being any place for boasting, ye owe your existence as Christians to Him, as the Author of your being.’

The words *ἐξ αὐτοῦ ἡμεῖς ἐστὲ ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ* are differently taken. Either (1) ‘From Him ye have your being (*ἐξ αὐτοῦ ἐστέ*), ye are born of Him in Christ Jesus,’ ‘ye are His children in Christ Jesus.’ So Chrysostom (*ἐκείνου παῖδες ἐστε διὰ τοῦ Χριστοῦ τοῦτο γενόμενοι*), and in the same way the other Greek commentators. Compare xi. 8, 12, xii. 15. Or (2) ‘For it is His doing (*ἐξ αὐτοῦ*) that ye are in Christ Jesus, are members of Christ (*ἐστε ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ*).’ The latter of these interpretations is open to two objections; *first*, that the sense attributed to *ἐξ αὐτοῦ* is unusual at least in the New Testament, and *secondly*, the emphatic position of *ἐστε* would scarcely be explicable, for the natural order would certainly be *ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ ἐστε*. It was probably from an instinctive feeling of the requirements of the Greek that the Greek commentators seem all to have adopted the other interpretation. For the sentiment and even the form in which it is expressed, compare Gal. iii. 26 *πάντες γὰρ νιὸι Θεοῦ ἐστὲ διὰ τῆς πίστεως ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ*. If the idea of a regeneration and spiritual sonship appears most frequently in St John, it was certainly not unknown to St Paul.

ἐστὲ] Possibly an allusion to the preceding *τὰ μὴ δύναται* ‘you, who were not, now are.’ But in any case, *ἐστε* is here best taken as a predicate, and accentuated, as in Lachmann’s edition.

ἐγενήθη] ‘became’ (i.e. by His incarnation); not ‘was made.’ See the note on 1 Thess. i. 5 *ἐγενήθημεν*. ‘He showed us the way to all true knowledge, the knowledge of God and of our own salvation. He by taking upon Him our nature was manifested to us as the impersonation of all wisdom,’ or perhaps better ‘the representative of the wise dispensation of God.’

ἀπὸ Θεοῦ] To be taken with *ἐγενήθη σοφία*, not with *σοφία* alone. St Paul accumulates words to intensify the leading idea of the sentence that everything comes of God.

δικαιοσύνη τε καὶ ἀγιασμὸς καὶ ἀπολύτρωσις] ‘that is to say, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.’ These three words are an epexegesis of *σοφία*. Owing to the absence of any connecting particle between *σοφία* and *δικαιοσύνη*, and especially considering the interposition of *ἀπὸ Θεοῦ*, it is impossible to coordinate the four words, as is done in the English version and by many commentators.

The connecting particles *τε καὶ...καὶ* perhaps imply a close connexion between δικαιοσύνη and ἀγιασμός, whereas ἀπολύτρωσις stands rather by itself. ‘By becoming wisdom He became both righteousness and sanctification and also redemption.’ Compare Hom. *Od.* xv. 78 ἀμφότερον, κῦδος τε καὶ ἀγλαΐη, καὶ ὄνειρα, Herod. vii. 1 καὶ νέας τε καὶ ἵππους καὶ σίτον καὶ πλοῖα : and see Jelf, *Gr.* § 758, Hartung, *Partikeln.* i. 103.

The order of the words δικαιοσύνη, ἀγιασμὸς is what might be expected. Δικαιοσύνη is used in its peculiar Pauline sense as ‘righteousness before God,’ ‘justification’; differing however from δικαιώσις (Rom. iv. 25, v. 18) in that the latter is the verdict of God which pronounces a man righteous. Ἀγιασμὸς is the natural following up of δικαιοσύνη and is illustrated by Rom. vi. 19 παραστήσατε τὰ μέλη ὑμῶν δοῦλα τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ εἰς ἀγιασμόν. On the terminations -σύν, -σις, -σμὸς see 1 Thess. iii. 13. On the other hand we are scarcely prepared to find ἀπολύτρωσις following these words which we might expect it to precede, as e.g. Rom. iii. 24 δικαιούμενοι δωρεὰν τῇ αὐτοῦ χάριτι διὰ τῆς ἀπολυτρώσεως τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. But ‘redemption’ is really used in two ways. Calvin very justly says, ‘Redemptio primum Christi donum est quod inchoatur in nobis, et ultimum quod perficitur’; and here the word is used not so much of the initiative act (the death of Christ, cf. Eph. i. 7), as of redemption consummated in our deliverance from all sin and misery. In this sense it is almost equivalent to ζωὴ αἰώνιος and is therefore rightly placed last. For the sense of ἀπολύτρωσις see especially Eph. iv. 30 εἰς ἡμέραν ἀπολυτρώσεως and compare Rom. viii. 23, Eph. i. 14.

This is the earliest indication in St Paul’s Epistles of the doctrine which occupies so prominent a place in the Epistles to the Romans and Galatians, and in St Paul’s teaching generally. See *Biblical Essays*, p. 224 sq.

31. ἵνα καθὼς γέγραπται κ.τ.λ.] ‘in order that it may be according to the language of Scripture.’ The sentence is frequently explained as an anacoluthon, as if St Paul had retained the imperative mood of the original (*καυχάσθω*) instead of substituting *καυχήσηται*. But it is more in accordance with St Paul’s usage to regard it as an ellipsis *ἵνα* (*γένεται*) *καθὼς γέγραπται κ.τ.λ.* His ellipses are often very abrupt (see the instances collected on 2 Thess. ii. 3), and have occasioned much trouble to the transcribers, who are at much pains to supply them. See a note in *Journal of Philology* iii. p. 85. Of the ellipsis of a verb after *ἵνα* we have examples in Rom. iv. 16 διὰ τοῦτο ἐκ πίστεως ἵνα κατὰ χάριν, Gal. ii. 9 ἵνα ἡμεῖς εἰς τὰ ἔθνη, αὐτοὶ δὲ εἰς τὴν περιτομήν, 2 Cor. viii. 13 οὐ γὰρ ἵνα ἄλλοι ἀνεστι, ὑμένι Θείψις. Whichever explanation is given, the sentence in form very much resembles Rom. xv. 3 ἀλλὰ καθὼς γέγραπται. Οἱ ὄνειδισμοὶ τῶν ὄνειδιζόντων σὲ ἐπέπεσον ἐπ’ ἐμέ, and 1 Cor. ii. 9 below.

ὁ καυχῶμενος κ.τ.λ.] is not a direct quotation, but abridged from Jeremiah ix. 23, 24 μὴ καυχάσθω ὁ σοφὸς ἐν τῇ σοφίᾳ αὐτοῦ καὶ μὴ καυχάσθω ὁ ἴσχυρὸς ἐν τῇ ἴσχυΐ αὐτοῦ καὶ μὴ καυχάσθω ὁ πλούσιος ἐν τῷ πλούτῳ αὐτοῦ,

ἀλλ' ἡ ἐν τούτῳ καυχάσθω ὁ καυχώμενος, συνιεῖν καὶ γινώσκειν ὅτι ἑγώ εἰμι Κύριος ὁ ποιῶν ἔλεος, combined with 1 Sam. ii. 10 μὴ καυχάσθω ὁ φρόνιμος ἐν τῇ φρονήσει αὐτοῦ καὶ μὴ καυχάσθω ὁ δυνατὸς ἐν τῇ δυνάμει αὐτοῦ καὶ μὴ καυχάσθω ὁ πλούσιος ἐν τῷ πλούτῳ αὐτοῦ, ἀλλ' ἡ ἐν τούτῳ καυχάσθω ὁ καυχώμενος συνιεῖν καὶ γινώσκειν τὸν Κύριον καὶ ποιεῖν κρίμα καὶ δικαιοσύνην ἐν μέσῳ τῆς γῆς. It will be observed that the three classes, the wise, the strong and the wealthy, correspond roughly to the three enumerated in the passage above in ver. 26, and the reference is peculiarly apt here.

St Paul repeats the words ὁ καυχώμενος ἐν Κυρίῳ καυχάσθω in 2 Cor. x. 17, and St Clement of Rome (§ 13) quotes the passage from the LXX. with the conclusion thus ἀλλ' ἡ. ὁ καυχώμενος ἐν Κυρίῳ καυχάσθω, τοῦ ἐκζητεῖν αὐτὸν καὶ ποιεῖν κρίμα καὶ δικαιοσύνην, words which, though diverging considerably from the corresponding passage in Jeremiah, approach nearly to the conclusion of 1 Sam. ii. 10 given above.

The resemblance of St Clement's language to St Paul may be explained in two ways; either (1) St Paul does not quote literally but gives the sense of one or other passage (1 Sam. ii. 10 or Jer. ix. 23 sq.); and Clement, writing afterwards, unconsciously combines and confuses St Paul's quotations with the original text; or (2) a recension of the text of Jeremiah (or Samuel) was in circulation in the first century which contained the exact words ὁ καυχώμενος ἐν Κυρίῳ καυχάσθω. The former is the more probable hypothesis. Iren. *Haer.* iv. 17. 3 quotes Jer. ix. 24 as it stands in our texts. In neither passage does the Hebrew aid in solving the difficulty. In 1 Sam. ii. 10 it is much shorter than and quite different from the LXX. Lucifer *de Athan.* ii. 2 (Hartel, p. 148) quotes it 'non glorietur sapiens in sua sapientia...nec glorietur dives in divitiis suis, sed in hoc glorietur qui gloriatur, inquirere me et intelligere et scire in Deum gloriari, quia ego sum Dominus qui facio misericordiam et judicium et justitiam super terram.' As Cotelier (on Clem. Rom. § 13) remarks, he seems to have read ἐκζητεῖν with Clement, for he has 'inquirere' three times in this context, but the coincidence may be accidental. On the other hand Antioch. Palæst. *Hom.* xlivi. (*Bibl. Vet. Patr.* p. 1097, Paris 1624) quotes directly from 1 Sam. ii. 10 and betrays no connexion with Clement's language. For St Paul's quotations see further on ii. 9.

CHAPTER II.

I. ‘And this divine rule was illustrated in my case also. Just as God has ordained the weakness of the cross as the means of salvation (i. 22—25), just as He has chosen the weak of this world as the objects of salvation (i. 26—31), so I too observed the same rule among you.’ And this in two ways (introduced by κάγω). ‘Humility characterised my preaching (ii. 1, 2). Humility was stamped upon my person and penetrated my feelings (ii. 3).’

ελθὼν...ῆλθον] Perhaps the aorist ελθὼν is to be explained by supposing that the sentence was begun with the idea of ending it οὐ καθ' ὑπεροχὴν κ.τ.λ. κατήγγελλον, and the form was abruptly changed after ἀδελφοί. For repetitions however somewhat analogous to this see Jelf, *Gr.* § 705. 3, and better still Matth. § 558, especially the instance from Plato *Euthyd.* p. 288 D τίνα ποτ' οὖν ἀν κτησάμενοι ἐπιστήμην ὄρθως κτησαί μεθα. At all events it is not to be compared with the Hebraism ιδὼν εἰδον.

οὐ καθ' ὑπεροχὴν λόγου η σοφίας] ‘not in excess of eloquence or wisdom,’ i.e. not in excellence of rhetorical display or of philosophical subtlety. The two are united lower down in ver. 4 ἐν πειθοῖς σοφίας λόγοις. ‘Corinthia verba’ was a proverbial expression for elaborate language (Wetstein on 1 Cor. ii. 4). The phrase here is better taken with καταγγέλλων than with ἦλθον.

καταγγέλλων] A present participle, instead of the future which generally accompanies verbs of motion to express the object of the verb (Matth. § 566. 6). As we find however that this exception occurs so frequently in the case of ἀγγέλλειν and its compounds, we are led to look for the explanation in the special meaning of this verb, which is not so much ‘to announce, declare,’ as ‘to bear tidings.’ Compare Xen. *Hell.* ii. 1. 29 ἐσ τὰς Ἀθήνας ἐπλευσεν ἀγγέλλουσα τὰ γεγονότα, Thucyd. i. 116 οἱχόμεναι περιαγγέλλουσαι βοηθεῖν, Eur. *Med.* 372; and so Acts xv. 27 ἀπεστάλκαμεν...αὐτοὺς...ἀπαγγέλλοντας.

τὸ μαρτύριον] ‘the testimony.’ He spoke in plain and simple language, as became a witness. Elaborate diction and subtlety of argument would

only discredit his testimony. The various reading *μνοτήριον*, though strongly supported (NAC Syr. Memph. and some fathers), has probably crept in from ver. 7.

τοῦ Θεοῦ] *Tοῦ Θεοῦ* here is perhaps the subjective genitive, ‘the testimony proceeding from God,’ as *τοῦ Χριστοῦ* in i. 6 (*τὸ μαρτύριον τοῦ Χριστοῦ*) is the objective genitive, ‘the testimony borne to Christ.’ The expression of St John (1 Joh. v. 9) ‘This is the witness of God which He hath testified of His Son’ links the two together. It is the testimony borne by God (*τοῦ Θεοῦ*) to Christ (*τοῦ Χριστοῦ*).

Μαρτυρία and *μαρτύριον* differ as ‘the giving evidence’ and ‘the evidence given.’ But it is not easy in this case to separate the *ἔργον* from the *ἐνέργεια*.

2. *οὐ γὰρ ἔκρινά τι εἰδέναι*] ‘I had no intent, no mind to know anything.’ It does not mean therefore ‘I steadfastly excluded all other knowledge,’ but simply ‘I did not trouble myself about the knowledge of anything else.’ For this sense of *κρίνειν* compare vii. 37, 2 Cor. ii. 1, Acts xv. 19, Rom. xiv. 13. The other rendering ‘I determined not to know’ (E.V.) cannot be supported by the analogy of the common idiom *οὐ φημί* (‘I non-say it,’ ‘I say no to it’); unless it can be shown that *οὐ κρίνω* is commonly so used. Thus e.g. *οὐ λέγω* would not be equivalent to *οὐ φημί*. *Οὐκ ἐώ* again presents no correspondence, it being simply a softened expression for ‘I forbid.’ It is not necessary to understand *ἔξειναι* with *οὐκ ἔκρινα* (‘I did not judge it allowable’), as Lobeck contends (*Phryn.* p. 753).

τι εἰδέναι] in a pregnant sense, ‘to exhibit the knowledge of, recognise’; resembling its use in 1 Thess. v. 12 (see note there) and ver. 12 below. The reading of the received text *τοῦ εἰδέναι τι* is a legitimate construction in late Greek (cf. Acts xxvii. 1 *ἐκρίθη τοῦ ἀποπλεῖν ήμᾶς*), but is destitute of textual support here.

[Ἴησον Χριστὸν] i.e. both the Person (*Ἰησοῦν*) and the office (*Χριστὸν*) of our Lord.

[καὶ τοῦτον ἐσταυρώμενον] i.e. and Him too not in His glory, but in His humiliation; that the foolishness of the preaching might be doubly foolish, and the weakness doubly weak. The Incarnation was in itself a stumbling-block; the Crucifixion was much more than this.

3. *κάγῳ*] ‘as in my ministerial teaching, so also in my own person, weakness was the distinguishing mark.’ For the repetition of *κάγῳ...* *κάγῳ* compare Juvenal *Sat.* i. 15, 16 ‘et nos ergo manum ferulae subduximus, et nos Consilium dedimus Sullae.’

ἐν ἀσθενείᾳ] The meaning of *ἀσθενεῖα* should not be arbitrarily restricted to any one form of weakness. Whatever enhanced in the Apostle’s mind the contrast between the meanness and inability of the preacher, and the power and efficacy of the Gospel, would be included under *ἀσθενεῖα*. Thus it would comprehend (1) the physical malady, under which he was labouring at the time (see Gal. iv. 13 *ἀσθενεῖα τῆς*

σαρκός), which is in all probability the same as ‘the thorn in the flesh’ mentioned 2 Cor. xii. 7 and in reference to which see *Galatians* p. 186 sq : (2) the meanness of his personal appearance (2 Cor. x. 10) with which he was taunted, and which perhaps was the result of his complaint : (3) his inability as a speaker, whether this arose from imperfection of the physical organs or from some other cause (see again 2 Cor. x. 10) : (4) a sense of loneliness, from which we may suppose him suffering before the arrival of Silvanus and Timotheus (Acts xvii. 15, xviii. 5 ὡς δὲ κατῆλθον...συνείχετο τῷ λόγῳ i.e. perhaps ‘he grew more bold’), analogous to the feelings which oppressed him at a later date during the absence of Titus (2 Cor. ii. 13) : (5) his unprotected condition, when assailed by persecution : and (6) his general inability to deliver his message worthily.

ἐν φόβῳ καὶ ἐν τρόμῳ πολλῶ] Each word is an advance upon the other. The sense of weakness produced fear. The fear betrayed itself in much trembling. *Φόβος καὶ τρόμος* is a not unfrequent combination in St Paul, 2 Cor. vii. 15, Eph. vi. 5, Phil. ii. 12. See the note on the last named passage. Here the expression denotes the Apostle’s nervous apprehension that he might not fulfil his ministry aright : i.e. fear and trembling in the sight of God rather than of man.

ἔγενόμην] may be taken either (1) with *ἐν ἀσθενείᾳ κ.τ.λ.* ‘I manifested weakness and fear, in my intercourse with you’; or (2) with *πρὸς ὑμᾶς* ‘I arrived among you in weakness and fear.’ There is the same ambiguity of construction in 1 Thess. i. 5 (see the note on that passage). Here probably the former is the preferable construction, not only as being the more usual, but also as better suited to the context.

4. **λόγος, κήρυγμα]** are not to be distinguished as his private and public instruction respectively : nor yet exactly as the form and the matter of his preaching ; though the latter is not far from the right distinction. While *κήρυγμα* (not ‘my preaching’ as E.V., which would be *κήρυξις*, see on i. 21) signifies the facts of the Gospel, e.g. the Incarnation, Crucifixion, Resurrection etc. ; *λόγος* is the teaching built upon this, whether in the way of exhortation or of instruction.

πειθός] ‘persuasive, plausible.’ The word *πειθός*, which is equivalent to *πιθανός*, is not found elsewhere in Greek literature, but was probably a colloquial form. Thus the word unconsciously illustrates the very fact which the Apostle states. It is formed on the analogy of *φείδος* (from *φείδομαι*), which is apparently found only in the comic writers, *βοσκός* from *βόσκω*, etc. Eusebius and Origen (though not consistently) quote the passage *ἐν πειθῷ σοφίας λόγων*, and so apparently do some versions. On *πειθός* see the references in Meyer, also Lobeck *Phryn.* p. 434, Winer § xvi. p. 119. The whole expression includes both the rhetorical (*λόγους*) and the philosophical (*σοφίας*) element, the two together producing *πειθώ* (so ver. I *ὑπεροχῇ λόγουν ἢ σοφίας*). The received text inserts *ἀνθρωπίης* before *σοφίας* without sufficient authority.

ἐν ἀπόδειξει κ.τ.λ.] Here ἀπόδειξις ‘demonstration’ is opposed to πειθώ (in πειθοῖς) ‘plausibility’; and πνεῦμα καὶ δύναμις τοῦ λόγου σοφίας. Of these last, πνεῦμα is opposed to λόγος as the inward spirit to the mere superficial expression; and δύναμις to σοφία as moral power to intellectual subtlety. Δύναμις is not to be taken in the sense of ‘miracle-working.’ There is the same opposition, and in very similar language, in 1 Thess. i. 5 τὸ εὐαγγελιον ἡμῶν οὐκ ἐγενήθη εἰς ὑμᾶς ἐν λόγῳ μόνον, ἀλλὰ καὶ ἐν δυνάμει καὶ ἐν πνεύματι ἄγιῳ καὶ πληροφορίᾳ πολλῆ.

It is questioned whether πνεύματος καὶ δυνάμεως is a subjective or an objective genitivē, i.e. whether it is ‘the demonstration which comes of spirit and of power,’ or ‘the demonstration which exhibits spirit and power.’ The former is the more probable meaning; both because the form of the substantive ἀπόδειξις (a ἀπαξ λεγόμενον in the N.T.) rather points to this, and also (which is a stronger reason) because the parallelism with σοφίας λόγοις seems to require it.

We are reminded by these words of the criticism of Longinus (Fragment 1. ed. Weiske p. 113), who describes St Paul as πρῶτον...προστάμενον δόγματος ἀναποδείκνυον. It was moral, not verbal, demonstration at which he aimed. See Loesner *Obs.* p. 363 on Col. ii. 1, and compare the expression of Ignatius (*Rom.* § 3) οὐ πεισμονῆς τὸ ἔργον ἀλλὰ μεγέθους κ.τ.λ.

5. ἐν σοφίᾳ ἀνθρώπων] The preposition denotes the object of their faith, ‘that your faith may not repose in the wisdom of men.’ For this use of πίστις with ἐν compare Rom. iii. 25 διὰ πίστεως ἐν τῷ αὐτοῦ αἵματι, Gal. iii. 26, Eph. i. 15, 1 Tim. iii. 13, 2 Tim. i. 13, iii. 15.

The true and the false wisdom. The former is spiritually discerned (ii. 6—16).

6. ‘Though we eschew the wisdom of men, yet we have a wisdom of our own which we communicate with the perfect.’ For the manner in which the word σοφία is taken up here, compare λόγος in i. 17, 18 οὐκ ἐν σοφίᾳ λόγου...ό λόγος γὰρ ὁ τοῦ σταυροῦ κ.τ.λ.

ἐν τοῖς τέλεοις] Τέλεος is properly that of which the parts are fully developed, as distinguished from ὀλόκληρος, that in which none of the parts are wanting. See James i. 4 where the words occur, Trench *N.T. Syn.* § xxii. p. 74 sq, and the passages quoted on 1 Thess. v. 23. Hence it signifies ‘full-grown,’ and accordingly τέλεος is used by St Paul as opposed to νήπιος or παιδία, though in a moral sense as τέλειοι ἐν Χριστῷ. Compare xiv. 20 τῇ κακίᾳ νηπιάζετε, ταῖς δὲ φρεσὶ τέλειοι γίνεσθε, Eph. iv. 13, Phil. iii. 15, Heb. v. 14. That it is used in this sense here will appear also from iii. 1 ὡς νηπίους ἐν Χριστῷ. The distinction is somewhat the same as that which St John makes, dividing his hearers into πατέρες and νεανίσκοι or παιδία (1 Joh. ii. 13, 14). Pythagoras also is said to have distinguished his disciples as τέλειοι and νήπιοι.

But besides this meaning of ‘full development,’ the term here most

probably bears the collateral sense of 'initiated' according to its classical usage, illustrating $\epsilon\nu\ \mu\nu\sigma\tau\rho\rho\iota\rho$ below. See this side of the question treated fully in the notes on Col. i. 28 διδάσκοντες πάντα ἄνθρωπον $\epsilon\nu\ \pi\alpha\sigma\tau\jmath\sigma\omega\mu\epsilon\nu$ πάντα ἄνθρωπον τέλειον $\epsilon\nu\ \chi\rho\iota\sigma\tau\phi$, a passage where, as here, both $\mu\nu\sigma\tau\rho\rho\iota\rho$ and $\sigma\o\phi\iota\alpha$ occur in the context.

These words have been the subject of much dispute. On the one hand they have been adduced to justify the distinction of an exoteric and an esoteric doctrine, as though there were certain secrets withheld from the generality. This idea of a higher and a lower teaching seems early to have gained ground even among orthodox writers, and Clement of Alexandria (*Eus. H.E. v. 11*) especially says that Christ communicated the inner γνῶσις to a few chosen disciples. This distinction became the starting-point of Gnosticism : see Lechler *Ap. Zeit.* p. 500 and note on Col. i.c. The difference between γνῶσις and σοφία is discussed on Col. ii. 3.

On the other hand several modern commentators, seeing how entirely opposed this system of religious castes is to the genius of Christianity and to the teaching of St Paul elsewhere, have avoided any semblance of it here, by putting a forced construction on the passage σοφίαν λαλοῦμεν $\epsilon\nu\ t\o\i s\ t\epsilon\l e\i o\i s$ 'we teach a doctrine which is wisdom in the judgment of the perfect.' But to say nothing of the harshness of this construction, it is clear from the whole context, especially iii. 1, 2, that St Paul was speaking of an actual distinction in the teaching addressed to the less and the more advanced believer. What is implied by the contrast between 'babes' and 'grown men' may be seen from iii. 1. It is the distinction of less or greater spirituality. What is meant by the σοφία may be gathered from a comparison of St Paul's earlier with his later Epistles. The σοφία will involve especially the ampler teaching as to the Person of Christ and the eternal purpose of God. Such 'wisdom' we have in the Epistles to the Ephesians and Colossians especially, and in a less degree in the Epistle to the Romans. This 'wisdom' is discerned in the Gospel of St John, as compared with the other Evangelists. Compare the note on γάλα οὐ βρώμα (iii. 2).

$\tau\wedge\eta\ \ddot{\alpha}\rho\chi\dot{\eta}\nu\tau\omega\ t\o\i s\ a\i\o\nos\ t\o\i t\o\i$] i.e. the great men of this world, as the whole context seems imperatively to demand ; the princes whether in intellect or in power or in rank, so that *oi ἄρχοντες κ.τ.λ.* would include the σοφοί, δυνατοί, εὐγενεῖς of i. 26. See further the note on ver. 8.

On the other hand some of the fathers (e.g. Origen *Homil. IV. in Matth., IX. in Genes.*) understood it of the powers of evil, comparing Eph. vi. 12 πρὸς τοὺς κοσμοκράτορας τοῦ σκότου τούτου, πρὸς τὰ πνευματικὰ τῆς πονηρίας $\epsilon\nu\ t\o\i s\ \dot{\epsilon}\pi\o\nu\rho\pi\o\ni\o\i s$. In this sense the Gnostics availed themselves of it to support their Dualism, see Tert. *adv. Marc.* v. 6. And it would almost seem as if St Ignatius were referring to this passage in *Ephes.* § 19 ἔλαθεν τὸν ἄρχοντα τοῦ αἰῶνος τούτου ἡ παρθενία Μαρίας καὶ ὁ τοκετὸς αὐτῆς, ὥμοιως καὶ ὁ θάρατος τοῦ Κυρίου, τρία μνοτίρια κραυγῆς, where however ἔλαθεν is probably intended as a paraphrase of οὐδεῖς

τῶν ἀρχόντων τοῦ αἰώνος τούτου ἔγνωκεν (ver. 8). At all events, the meaning is quite out of place here; and ‘the princes of this world’ are to be understood as great men according to the world’s estimate of greatness.

[**τῶν καταργουμένων**] is best explained by i. 28 **τὰ μὴ ὄντα ἵνα τὰ ὄντα καταργήσῃ**: i.e. who are brought to nought by the power of Christ, whose glory wanes before the advance of Messiah’s kingdom; **οὐαὶ νότος** being the direct opposite of **ἡ βασιλεία τοῦ Χριστοῦ**, ‘Messiah’s kingdom’ in its widest sense. Compare *Martyr. Vienn.* c. 8 (in Routh *R.S.* I. p. 305) **καταργηθέντων δὲ τῶν τυραννικῶν κολαστηρίων ὑπὸ τοῦ Χριστοῦ διὰ τῆς τῶν μακαρίων ὑπομονῆς**. See also the note on **δόξαν ἡμῶν** in the next verse.

7. **Θεοῦ σοφίαν**] is the correct order, **Θεοῦ** being emphatic: ‘a wisdom not of this world, but of God.’ The received text has **σοφίαν Θεοῦ** on the slenderest authority.

[**ἐν μυστηρίῳ**] ‘*the wisdom which consists in a mystery.*’ The phrase must be taken either (1) with **σοφίαν** or (2) with **λαλοῦμεν**. Perhaps the former is preferable. For the omission of the article see the note on 1 Thess. i. 1 **ἐν Θεῷ πατρί**, and references there. If **ἐν μυστηρίῳ** is taken with **λαλοῦμεν**, the sense will be much the same; ‘We speak a wisdom of God, while declaring a mystery.’ On the Pauline use of the word **μυστήριον**, as something which would not have been known without revelation, and its connexion with words denoting publication (as here **ἡμῖν γὰρ ἀπεκάλυψεν ὁ Θεὸς** ver. 10) see the note on Col. i. 26. See also the note on 2 Thess. ii. 7: from the passage in Josephus there quoted, **μυστήριον** appears to have the subordinate sense of something extraordinary and portentous.

[**τὴν ἀποκεκρυμμένην**] The article is frequently placed thus between the substantive and the accompanying adjective or participle when it is intended to give a definite reference to an indefinite statement. ‘A wisdom of God, that wisdom I mean, which was etc.’ Compare Gal. iii. 21 **νόμος ὁ δυνάμενος**, with the note.

[**ἥν προώρισεν**] ‘*which God foreordained*; absolutely. It is not necessary to understand **ἀποκαλύψαι** or any word of the kind. The **σοφία Θεοῦ** is the scheme of redemption.

[**εἰς δόξαν ἡμῶν**] i.e. the glory of inward enlightenment as well as of outward exaltation; for the word **δόξα** (like **βασιλεία τοῦ Θεοῦ**) involves the complex idea. Compare 2 Cor. iii. 8—18. Here there is an opposition between **δόξαν ἡμῶν** and **τῶν ἀρχόντων τοῦ αἰώνος τούτου, τῶν καταργουμένων**, ‘Our glory increases, while their glory wanes.’ This use of **καταργεῖσθαι** in connexion with **δόξα** is illustrated by the passage from 2 Corinthians already referred to, and by 2 Thess. ii. 8 **καταργήσει τῇ ἐπιφανείᾳ τῆς παρουσίας αὐτοῦ** (where see the notes).

8. **ἥν**] i.e. **σοφίαν**.

[**ἔγνωκεν**] ‘*hath discerned*’

[**τὸν Κύριον...τοπατάρωσαν**] As types and representatives of the princes of this world, St Paul takes the Jewish and heathen rulers who crucified

the Lord (comp. Acts iv. 27). Yet the rebuke is not confined to these; and he rightly says *οὐδεὶς τῶν ἀρχόντων*, for all alike who oppose themselves to the spread of the Gospel, all the princes of this world, as such, do in a certain sense ‘crucify the Lord afresh’ (Heb. vi. 6).

τῆς δόξης] The contrast present to the Apostle’s mind is that between the shame of the Cross (Heb. xii. 2) and the glory of the Crucified, between the ignominy which they seemed to be inflicting on Him and the honour which was intrinsically His.

9. ἀλλὰ καθὼς γέγραπται] ‘but it has come to pass according to the words of Scripture.’ The sentence is elliptical. For an exact parallel in form see Rom. xv. 3, and compare the note on 1 Cor. i. 31.

ἀ ὄφθαλμὸς κ.τ.λ.] The composition of the sentence is somewhat loose. Like 1 Tim. iii. 16 ὁ ἐφανερώθη κ.τ.λ. it begins with a relative, so that the construction is broken. The grammar also is irregular, ἀ being the accusative after εἶδεν and ἡκουσεν, and the nominative to ἀνέβη; and ὅσα (the correct reading for the second ἀ of the received text) in apposition with ἀ. Another construction is proposed which makes ἡμῖν δὲ ἀπεκάλυψεν (ver. 10) the apodosis, introduced by the particle δέ; but this, even if γὰρ is not to be read for δέ, seems not to be after St Paul’s manner, being too elaborate and indeed requiring ταῦτα δὲ ἡμῖν. The whole of verse 10 is best considered to be the Apostle’s own addition to the quotation. For ἀνέβη ἐπὶ τὴν καρδίαν, a Hebrew expression (תַּלְעֵב לִבָּל), see Acts vii. 23, Jerem. iii. 16, xliv. 21, li. 50.

The distinction here is between things perceived by the senses, and things apprehended by the understanding. Compare the lines of Empedocles οὔτως οὔτ’ ἐπιδερκτὰ τάδ’ ἀνδράσων, οὔτ’ ἐπακούσατά, οὔτε νόῳ περιληπτά in Sext. Empir. *adv. Matth.* vii. 123 (Ritter and Preller, p. 126).

The quotation, the words of which are not found in the existing text of the Old Testament, is generally considered to be a combination of Is. lxiv. 4, which runs in the LXX. ἀπὸ τοῦ αἰώνος οὐκ ἡκούσαμεν οὐδὲ οἱ ὄφθαλμοὶ ἡμῶν εἶδον Θεὸν πλὴν σοῦ καὶ τὰ ἔργα σοῦ, ἀ ποιήσεις τοῖς ὑπομένουσιν ἔλεον, but more nearly in the Hebrew, ‘From eternity they have not heard, they have not hearkened, neither hath eye seen a god [or ‘O God’] save thee (who) worketh [or ‘(what) He shall do’] to him that awaiteth Him’ (see Delitzsch *ad loc.*), and Is. lxv. 16, 17 οὐκ ἀναβήσεται αὐτῶν ἐπὶ τὴν καρδίαν...οὐ μή ἐπελθῃ αὐτῶν ἐπὶ τὴν καρδίαν. The passage, if we may trust St Jerome, occurred as given by St Paul, both in the *Ascension of Isaiah* and in the *Apocalypse of Elias* (Hieron. *in Is.* lxiv. 4, IV. p. 761; *Prol. in Gen.* ix. p. 3). And Origen, *in Matth.* xxvii. 9 (III. p. 916), says that St Paul quotes from the latter, ‘In nullo regulari libro hoc positum invenitur, nisi (*εἰ μή*, ‘but only’) in *Secretis Eliae prophetae’*. This assertion is repeated also by later writers (see Fabricius *Cod. Ps. V. T.* I. p. 1073) doubtless from Origen, but combated by Jerome (ll. cc. and *Epist. lvii.* § 9, I. p. 314), who refers the quotation to Is. lxiv. 4. There does not seem any reason for doubting that the

quotation occurs as Origen states, especially as Jerome, making a savage onslaught on this opinion, tacitly allows the fact ; see more below. If it could be shown that these apocryphal books were prior to St Paul, this solution would be the most probable ; but they would appear to have been produced by some Christian sectarians of the second century, for Jerome terms them ‘Iberae naeniae’ and connects them with the Basilideans and other Gnostics who abounded in Spain (ll. cc.; see also c. *Vigil.* II. p. 393, and comp. *Fabricius*, p. 1093 sq.). If so, they incorporated the quotation of St Paul, as also another missing quotation (*Eph.* v. 14, see below), in order to give verisimilitude and currency to their forgeries. At all events both these works appear from the extant remains to have been Christian. For the *Apocalypse of Elias* see *Epiphan. Haer.* xlii. (p. 372), who says that the quotation in *Eph.* v. 14 (which is obviously Christian) was found there ; and for the *Ascension of Isaiah*, this same father *Haer.* lxvii. 3 (p. 712), where he quotes a passage referring to the Trinity. Indeed there is every reason to believe that the work known to Epiphanius and several other fathers under this name, is the same with the *Ascension and Vision of Isaiah* published first by Laurence in an *Æthiopic Version* and subsequently by Gieseler in a Latin. The two versions represent different recensions ; and the passage ‘Eye hath not seen, etc.’ appears in the Latin (xi. 34) but not in the *Æthiopic* (see Jolowicz *Himmelfahrt u. Vision des Propheten Iesaiä*, p. 90, Leipzig, 1854). The Latin recension therefore must have been in the hands of Jerome ; though this very quotation seems to show clearly that the *Æthiopic* more nearly represents the original form of the work (see Lücke *Offenbarung d. Johannes*, p. 179 sq.). Both recensions alike are distinctly Christian.

Still in favour of Jerome’s view it may be said that St Paul’s quotations are often very free as e.g. in i. 31, and that there is no instance in St Paul of a quotation from an apocryphal writing being introduced by καθὼς γέγραπται. The quotation from a Christian hymn in *Eph.* v. 14 is introduced by λέγει, which is quite general. It is just possible moreover that some Greek version, with which St Paul was acquainted, gave a different rendering from the LXX. and more resembling the quotation in the text.

It is at least remarkable that St Clement of Rome (§ 34) gives the quotation in almost the same words, though approaching somewhat nearer to the LXX. He reads τοῖς ὑπομένοντιν αὐτὸν for St Paul’s τοῖς ἀγαπῶσιν αὐτόν, and is followed by the *Martyr. Polyc.* § 2 ἀνέβλεπον τὰ τηρούμενα τοῖς ὑπομείνασιν ἀγαθά, ἀ οὐτε οὐσὶ ηκουσεν, οὐτε ὄφθαλμὸς εἶδεν, οὐτε ἐπὶ καρδίᾳ ἀνθρώπου ἀνέβη, passages which seem to suggest an original lying somewhere between the present LXX. rendering in *Isaiah*, and the quotation of St Paul, though nearer to the latter. In the other places where the quotation occurs, 2 [Clem.] §§ 11, 14, *Clem. Ep. ad Virg.* i. 9, it does not reach the point where Clement and St Paul diverge.

An additional interest attaches to this passage from the words ascribed to Hegesippus in a passage of Stephanus Gobarus ap. Photius *Bibl.* 232 (see Routh *R. S.* I. 219), who after quoting this passage says ‘*Ηγήσιππος μέντοι, ἀρχαῖος τε ἀνὴρ καὶ ἀποστολικός, ἐν τῷ πέμπτῳ τῶν υπομνημάτων οὐκ οἶδ’ ὁ τι καὶ παθὼν μάτην μὲν εἰρῆσθαι ταῦτα λέγει, καὶ καταψεύδεσθαι τὸν ταῦτα φαμένους τῶν τε θείων γραφῶν καὶ τοῦ κυρίου λεγόντος, Μακάριοι οἱ ὄφθαλμοὶ ὑμῶν οἱ βλέποντες, καὶ τὰ ὡτα ὑμῶν τὰ ἀκούοντα καὶ ἔξης.* Stephanus seems to regard this (at least Baur and Schwegler do so) as an attack on St Paul and a proof that Hegesippus was an Ebionite; but he has probably misunderstood the drift of Hegesippus' words. Hegesippus was attacking, not the passage itself, but the application which was made of it by certain Gnostics, who alleged it in support of an esoteric doctrine (see Routh *R. S.* I. p. 281 and *Galatians* p. 334). We know from Hippolytus (*Haer.* v. 24, 26, 27, vi. 24) that it was a favourite text with these heretics and that the Justinians even introduced it into their formula of initiation. Perhaps the *Revelation of Elias* may have been an early Gnostic work itself, and embodied this quotation from St Paul for doctrinal purposes. In favour of this view, it may be remarked that Hegesippus elsewhere (ap. Euseb. *H. E.* iii. 32) in attacking the Gnostic heresy avails himself of St Paul's own words *ψευδώνυμος γνῶσις* (I Tim. vi. 20), and seems to have commended the Epistle of Clement and to have been satisfied with the orthodoxy of the Corinthian Church (Euseb. *H. E.* iv. 22, comp. iii. 16).

io. [τῷν] ‘to us who believe’; not to the Apostles specially, but to believers generally.

[ἀπεκάλυψεν ὁ Θεὸς] This order is perhaps better than that of the received text ὁ Θεὸς ἀπέκ., and is strongly supported (NABCD). The ‘revelation’ is the emphatic idea in the sentence. The aorist (ἀπεκάλυψεν) is on a par with many aorists in St Paul. Its force is, ‘revealed it to us when we were admitted into the Church, when we were baptized.’ ‘*Αποκάλυψις* implies an extraordinary revelation, while *φανέρωσις* is the general term, including e.g. the revelation of God in nature.

[τὸ γὰρ πνέυμα] i.e. the Spirit of God given to us. If we know the things of God, it is only by His Spirit dwelling in us. See Rom. viii. 9—27, where the same idea occurs in several forms and with several applications.

[καὶ τὰ βάθη] ‘even the depths,’ which are manifold, the plural being stronger than the singular. On the other hand we have τὰ βαθέα τοῦ Σατανᾶ (Apoc. ii. 24).

II. ‘For as a man's self-consciousness reveals man's nature to him, so it can be nothing else but the Spirit of God dwelling in him which reveals to him the nature and dealings of God.’ Τὰ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου are ‘the things of man’ generally, of human nature. The emphatic repetition of ἀνθρώπων, ἀνθρώπου, ἀνθρώπου and of Θεοῦ, Θεοῦ is intended to enforce the contrasts.

[ἔγνωκεν] is the correct reading for the second οἶδεν of the received

text. The words are carefully chosen. Οἶδεν 'knoweth' denotes direct knowledge, while ἔγνωκεν 'discerneth' involves more or less the idea of a process of attainment. Compare e.g. 1 Joh. ii. 29 ἐὰν εἰδῆτε ὅτι δίκαιος ἔστιν, γινώσκετε ὅτι πᾶς ὁ ποιῶν τὴν δικαιοσύνην ἐξ αὐτοῦ γεγένηται, where γινώσκετε implies an inference. In this passage the distinction is not so marked, but the ἔγνωκεν seems to place τὰ τὸν Θεοῦ a degree more out of reach than οἶδεν does τὰ τὸν ἀνθρώπουν. Compare also 2 Cor. v. 16, and see for γινώσκειν the notes on Gal. iii. 7, iv. 9, for εἰδέναι 1 Thess. v. 12.

The examination of the passages, where the two words are found in the First Epistle of St John, shows most clearly that they were employed with the same precision of meaning as in the classical age. While οἶδα is simple and absolute, γινώσκω is relative, involving more or less the idea of a process of examination. Thus while οἶδα is used of the knowledge of the facts and propositions in themselves, γινώσκω implies reference to something else, and gives prominence to either the acquisition of the knowledge or the knowledge of a thing in its bearings. It surely cannot be by chance, that where St John wishes to place in bold relief the fundamental facts of our religious conviction in and by themselves, he uses οἶδα (see ii. 20, 21, iii. 2, 5, 14, 15, and especially v. 18, 19, 20); that where he speaks of our knowledge not as direct but as derived from something prior to it, he almost always employs γινώσκω, both in the phrase ἐν τούτῳ γινώσκειν, which occurs repeatedly (ii. 3, 5, iii. 19, 24, iv. 2, 13, v. 2, cf. iii. 16 ἐν τούτῳ ἔγνάκαμεν: not once ἐν τούτῳ εἰδέναι), and in other expressions (ii. 18 ὅθεν γινώσκομεν, iii. 1 οὐ γινώσκει ἡμᾶς ὅτι, iv. 6 ἐκ τούτου γινώσκομεν, cf. iv. 7, 8); and that when the two words γινώσκειν and εἰδέναι are found together, as in the passage already quoted (comp. John xxi. 17, Eph. v. 5), they stand to each other in the relation which the distinction given above would lead us to expect. If there are also passages in which the difference of meaning is not so plain, the induction seems still to be sufficiently large to establish the facts.

οὐδεὶς...εἰ μή] i.e. 'no man, as man, knoweth, but only the Spirit of God.' Οὐδεὶς (sc. ἀνθρώπων) as τίς ἀνθρώπων above. For this use of εἰ μή (ἐὰν μή) see on Gal. i. 7, 19, ii. 16.

τὸ πνεῦμα τὸν Θεοῦ] Not τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἐν αὐτῷ according to the analogy of the preceding part of the verse; for though the spirit of man is in him, a similar expression would not correctly apply to the Spirit of God. This change of phraseology may be regarded as a caution to us not to press the analogy beyond the point to illustrate which it was introduced. It may be true that the spirit of man takes cognizance of the things of man, just as the Spirit of God does of the things of God; but it does not follow that the spirit of man has the same relation to man as the Spirit of God has to God.

12. ἡμεῖς δέ] 'but we received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit

which cometh from God.' Ήμεῖς includes the believers generally, but refers especially to the Apostles, as Paul and Apollos: for the reference is mainly to the teachers in the following verse.

τὸ πνεῦμα τοῦ κοσμοῦ] The interpretation of this expression will depend on the view taken of τῶν ἀρχόντων τοῦ αἰώνος τούτου (ver. 6); see the note there. It seems therefore to be simply the spirit of human wisdom, of the world as alienated from God.

ἐλάβομεν] 'received,' i.e. when we were admitted to the fold of Christ. The aorist τὰ χαρισθέντα below refers to the same time. St Paul regards the gift as ideally summed up when he and they were included in the Christian Church, though it is true that the Spirit is received constantly.

ἴνα εἰδῶμεν κ.τ.λ.] i.e. 'that we may be conscious of, may realize the spiritual blessings and hopes conferred upon us.' For this sense of εἰδέναι see ii. 2 and the note on 1 Thess. v. 12. Here τὰ χαρισθέντα will include miraculous gifts; but, like χάρισμα itself, the expression extends to all blessings conferred by the Gospel. See i. 7 above.

13. 'Nor do we keep this knowledge to ourselves. As it is revealed to us, so also (*καὶ*) do we communicate it to others. And the manner of our communication is in accordance with the matter. Spiritual truths are expressed in spiritual language.' The expression ἀ καὶ λαλοῦμεν is in a measure corrective of any impression which might have been left by the foregoing words, that the mysteries of the Gospel were the exclusive property of a few. The emphatic word in the sentence is λαλοῦμεν, as the order shows; and the mention of the manner of communication (οὐκ ἐν διδακτοῖς κ.τ.λ.) is quite subordinate.

σοφίας] is the genitive governed by διδακτοῖς, as the form of the ellipsis in the corresponding clause ἐν διδακτοῖς πνεύματος shows. Compare John vi. 45 (from Is. liv. 13) πάντες διδακτοὶ Θεοῦ. This construction of the genitive with verbal adjectives of passive force is in classical Greek confined to poetry; e.g. Soph. *Electra* 343 ἄπαντα γάρ σοι τάμα νονθετήματα κείνης διδακτά, Pind. *Ol.* ix. 152 (100) διδακταῖς ἀνθρώπων ἀρεταῖς.

'There is no display of human rhetoric in our preaching. The language, no less than the matter, is inspired.' Indeed the notion of a verbal inspiration in a certain sense is involved in the very conception of an inspiration at all, because words are at once the instruments of carrying on and the means of expressing ideas, so that the words must both lead and follow the thought. But the passage gives no countenance to the popular doctrine of verbal inspiration, whether right or wrong.

πνευματικοῖς πνευματικὰ συγκρίνοντες] 'combining the spiritual with the spiritual,' i.e. applying spiritual methods to explain spiritual truths. It is excellently explained by Theod. Mops. here: διὰ τῶν τοῦ πνεύματος ἀποδείξεων τὴν τοῦ πνεύματος διδασκαλίαν πιστούμεθα. This is the proper meaning

of *συγκρίνειν* ‘to combine,’ as *διακρίνειν* is ‘to separate.’ *Συγκρίνειν*, it is true, sometimes gets the sense of ‘comparing,’ as in 2 Cor. x. 12; but it does not suit the context here, whether explained, as by Chrysostom and others, of comparing the types of the Old Testament with the tidings of the New, or more generally. Others again, taking *πνευματικός* to be masculine, translate it ‘explaining spiritual things to spiritual men.’ Against this it may be urged, (1) that though *συγκρίνειν* is frequently used of interpreting dreams, (cf. Gen. xl. 8, 22, xli. 12, Dan. v. 12), yet the leading notion which it involves is that of ‘finding out,’ ‘comparing’ the phenomena of the dream with the phenomena of common life (so *κρίνειν*, *ἐγκρίνειν* are used of dreams), which notion is out of place here: (2) the combination *πνευματικός πνευματικά* points to the neuter gender, as otherwise we should rather expect *πνευματικὰ τοῖς πνευματικοῖς*: (3) the dative is naturally governed by the *σὺν* of *συγκρίνοντες*, and (4) the qualifications of the recipient seem to be introduced first in the following verse by *ψυχικὸς δέ*.

14. ‘Though we communicate our knowledge freely, yet being, as I said, spiritual—spiritual in form as well as in matter—it addresses itself only to spiritual hearers, and therefore the natural man is excluded from it.’ The verse is connected with ver. 12, and St Paul comes round to the subject of ver. 6 once more.

Ψυχικὸς ‘the natural man,’ as opposed to *πνευματικός*, and closely allied to *σαρκικός*. See note on 1 Thess. v. 23, where the triple division of man’s nature into *σῶμα*, *ψυχή*, and *πνεῦμα* is discussed.

οὐ δέχεται] ‘rejects,’ ‘does not receive’; not ‘is incapable of’ (a strictly classical usage of *δέχεσθαι* which would be expressed in the N. T. by *οὐ χωρεῖ*). The meaning which I have given is the universal sense of *δέχεσθαι* in the New Testament and is moreover better suited to the explanation *μωρία γὰρ κ.τ.λ.*, which includes more than the incapacity of the hearer, and implies a disinclination also.

ὅτι πνευματικῶς ἀνακρίνεται] ‘for they’ (sc. *τὰ τοῦ πνεύματος*) ‘are spiritually discerned,’ i.e. the investigation is a spiritual process. This is an explanation of the whole sentence from *μωρία...γνῶναι*, and not of the latter clause only.

15. ‘On the other hand, the spiritual man is placed on a vantage-ground. He can survey and duly estimate the relative proportion of all things. He has a standard by which to measure others, but they have no standard which they can apply to him.’

ἀνακρίνει μὲν πάντα] ‘examineth,’ ‘sifteth everything,’ e.g. in the matter of meats or of the observance of days. In any case the same translation of the verb ought to have been preserved in the English version here, as in ver. 14. The leading idea of *ἀνακρίνειν* is that of examination, investigation, sifting, while *κρίνειν* implies more prominently the pronouncing a verdict. The word adopted by the A. V. as an equivalent is unfortunate; for, besides being a mistranslation of *ἀνακρίνεται*, it is quite untrue in fact to say that the spiritual man ‘is judged by no one.’ So *ὑπ’ οὐδενὸς ἀνακρίνεται*

ταῦ means ‘he is a riddle to the natural man ; they can make nothing out of him, cannot bring him to book at all.’

“ St Paul especially delights to accumulate ” the compounds of *κρίνειν*, “and thus by harping upon words (if I may use the expression) to emphasize great spiritual truths or important personal experiences. Thus, he puts together *συγκρίνειν, ἀνακρίνειν*” here, “*κρίνειν, ἀνακρίνειν*, 1 Cor. iv. 3, 4 ; *ἐγκρίνειν, συγκρίνειν*, 2 Cor. x. 12 ; *κρίνειν, διακρίνειν*, 1 Cor. vi. 1—6 ; *κρίνειν, διακρίνειν, κατακρίνειν*, Rom. xiv. 22, 23, 1 Cor. xi. 29, 31, 32 ; *κρίνειν, κατακρίνειν*, Rom. ii. 1. Now it seems impossible in most cases, without a sacrifice of English which no one would be prepared to make, to reproduce the similarity of sound or the identity of root ; but the distinction of sense should always be preserved. How this is neglected in our English version, and what confusion ensues from this neglect, the following instances will show. In 1 Cor. iv. 3, 4, 5, the word *ἀνακρίνειν* is translated throughout ‘judge’ ; while in 1 Cor. ii. 14, 15, it is rendered indifferently ‘to discern’ and ‘to judge.’ But *ἀνακρίνειν* is neither ‘to judge,’ which is *κρίνειν*, nor ‘to discern,’ which is *διακρίνειν* ; but ‘to examine, investigate, enquire into, question,’ as it is rightly translated elsewhere, e.g. 1 Cor. ix. 3, x. 25, 27 ; and the correct understanding of 1 Cor. iv. 3, 4, 5 depends on our retaining this sense. The *ἀνάκρισις*, it will be remembered, was an Athenian law term for a preliminary investigation (distinct from the actual *κρίσις* or trial), in which evidence was collected and the prisoner committed for trial, if a true bill was found against him. It corresponded in short *mutatis mutandis* to the part taken in English law proceedings by the grand jury. And this is substantially the force of the word here. The Apostle condemns all these impatient human *praejudicia*, these unauthorised *ἀνακρίσεις*, which anticipate the final *κρίσις*, reserving his case for the great tribunal where at length all the evidence will be forthcoming and a satisfactory verdict can be given. Meanwhile this process of gathering evidence has begun ; an *ἀνάκρισις* is indeed being held, not however by these self-appointed magistrates, but by One who alone has the authority to institute the enquiry, and the ability to sift the facts (*ό δὲ ἀνακρίνων με Κύριος ἔστιν*). Of this half-technical sense of the word the New Testament itself furnishes a good example. The examination of St Paul before Festus is both in name and in fact an *ἀνάκρισις*. The Roman procurator explains to Agrippa how he had directed the prisoner to be brought into court (*προσήγαγον αὐτόν*) in order that, having held the preliminary enquiry usual in such cases (*τῆς ἀνακρίσεως γενομένης*), he might be able to lay the case before the Emperor (Acts xxv. 26). Again, in 1 Cor. xiv. 24 *ἀνακρίβεται ὑπὸ πάντων*, the sense required is clearly ‘sifting, probing, revealing,’ and the rendering of our translators ‘he is judged of all’ introduces an idea alien to the passage.” *On a Fresh Revision of the English N. T.* p. 69 sq. (3rd edit.).

πάντα] The article should be omitted, but the omission does not

affect the sense, because *πάντα* must still be taken as neuter. Τὰ *πάντα* would express with slightly increased force the comprehensiveness of the spiritual man. ‘All things whatsoever—even those out of his own sphere—not *πνευματικά* only but *ψυχικά* also.’

16. ‘For the mind in us is the mind of the Lord. Our spirits are one with His spirit: and we have Scriptural authority for saying that no one can penetrate and understand the mind of the Lord.’

τίς γὰρ ἔγνω κ.τ.λ.] ‘for who hath perceived or apprehended etc.’ From the LXX. of Is. xl. 13 τίς ἔγνω νοῦν Κυρίου; καὶ τίς αὐτοῦ σύμβολος ἐγένετο, ὃς συμβιβάσατο αὐτόν; The middle clause is omitted in the quotation as being somewhat foreign to St Paul’s purpose. On the other hand, in Rom. xi. 34, where the same quotation occurs, the first two clauses appear and not the third, as they bear on his argument there.

νοῦν Κυρίου] For the distinction between *πνεῦμα* and *νοῦς* see Usteri *Paul. Lehrb.* p. 384. In a man there might be an opposition between the *νοῦς* and the *πνεῦμα* (1 Cor. xiv. 14), but in God the *νοῦς* would be identical with, or at least in perfect accordance with, the *πνεῦμα*. It should be observed also that the original here translated *νοῦν* is ΠΝΩΝ which is the common word for *πνεῦμα*. Compare 1 Esdr. ii. 9, where ἐγείρειν τὸν *νοῦν* is equivalent to ἐγείρειν τὸ *πνεῦμα* of the preceding verse. Thus *νοῦς* was the familiar form in the ears of his hearers owing to the influence of the LXX.

ὅς συμβιβάσεται] ‘so that he shall instruct him.’ Compare Matth. Gr. Gr. § 479, Obs. 1.

Συμβιβάζειν in classical Greek generally means ‘to put together so as to draw an inference from, to conclude’; but here it is ‘to instruct,’ the sense which it usually bears in the LXX., where it occurs frequently. It thus represents the classical *ἐμβιβάζειν*.

νοῦν Χριστοῦ] equivalent to the *νοῦν Κυρίου* of the preceding verse. The ‘Spirit of God’ and the ‘Spirit of Christ’ are convertible terms here as in Rom. viii. 9 εἶπερ πνεῦμα Θεοῦ οἰκεῖ ἐν ὑμῖν. εἰ δέ τις πνεῦμα Χριστοῦ οὐκ ἔχει κ.τ.λ. (cf. Gal. iv. 6). And the substitution of *Χριστοῦ* for *Κυρίου* in this passage and for *Θεοῦ* in the Romans has the same point: it suggests a practical test. ‘Ask yourselves whether the mind of Christ is in you.’ (Compare Phil. ii. 5.)

CHAPTER III.

The Corinthians incapable of discerning the wisdom of God (iii. 1—3).

i. The manner in which his readers are brought round after a long digression to their dissensions is characteristic of St Paul. One topic suggests another and he seems entirely to have lost sight of their subject: till accidentally, as one might say, the course of thought brings him within the range of its attraction, and he flies back to it at once. Thus the mention of party watchwords (in i. 12) leads him to speak of his abstaining from baptizing. He was sent not to baptize but to preach. What was the nature of his preaching? It was foolishness in the sight of the world. Yet it contained the truest wisdom. This wisdom however could not be revealed in all its depths, save to the spiritual. ‘But ye are not spiritual, so long as these dissensions last.’ And so he comes back to what he left.

καὶ γὰρ] ‘And I, individually, was subject to the prohibition implied in the general rule of ii. 6, σοφίαν λαλοῦμεν ἐν τοῖς τελείοις. I was obliged to withhold from you the treasures of wisdom, which I possessed in myself.’

σαρκίνοις] Unquestionably the reading here, as σαρκικὸν in ver. 3 where it occurs twice. Considering the strong tendency to alter one or other word for the sake of conformity, the consistency of the MSS. is the more remarkable and must decide the readings.

Σάρκινος is ‘fleshy, made of flesh,’ ‘carneus’; while σαρκικὸς is ‘fleshy, partaking of the characteristics of flesh, associated with flesh,’ ‘carnalis.’ Hence σαρκικὸς is scarcely a classical word, because the idea is not classical. As an illustration of the difference of meaning in the two terminations -ικός and -ιως, compare τὸ δερματικὸν ‘the tax on hides’ with δερμάτινον, which could mean nothing else but ‘made of hides.’ On these terminations cf. Matth. Gr. Gr. § 108, 110, Meyer’s *reff. ad loc.* and Buttm. § 119. III, Fritzsche *ad Rom.* II. p. 46. The proper meaning of σάρκινος is seen in 2 Cor. iii. 3 οὐκ ἐν πλαξὶν λιθίναις ἀλλ’ ἐν πλαξὶν καρδίαις σαρκίναις, and that of σαρκικὸς in 1 Cor. ix. 11 εἰ ἡμεῖς ὑμῖν τὰ πνευματικὰ ἐσπείραμεν, μέγα εἰ ἡμεῖς ὑμῶν τὰ σαρκικὰ θερίσομεν (cf. Rom. xv. 27), in neither of which passages there is a various reading, and in neither of which the other

word would be suitable. In Heb. vii. 16, though we should expect *σαρκικής*, the *νόμος ἐντολῆς σαρκίνης* is intelligible because the commandment was, as it were, a part of the flesh, and thus of hereditary descent from the body of Aaron. See also Rom. vii. 14, where *σάρκινος* is certainly right.

ώς σαρκίνοις] ‘to men of flesh.’ For the vigour of the expression compare Matt. xvi. 17 *σὰρξ καὶ αἷμα οὐκ ἀπεκάλυψέν σοι*. While *σάρκινος* here points rather to their original nature when St Paul first preached to them, *σαρκικοὶ* (ver. 3) expresses their moral tendencies, their hankerings, even after their conversion, and implies more of a rebuke, though the less strong word in itself.

νηπίοις ἐν Χριστῷ] the opposite to which is *τέλειοι ἐν Χριστῷ*, Col. i. 28. See note on *τέλειος* ii. 6.

2. *γάλα, οὐ βρῶμα*] Apparently a favourite image with the Rabbinical teachers, who styled their scholars ‘sugentes’ or ‘lactentes’ (see Wetst on 1 Pet. ii. 2). Compare Heb. v. 12 sq. *γεγόνατε χρείαν ἔχοντες γάλακτος, οὐ στερεὰς τροφῆς* πᾶς γάρ ὁ μετεχάν γάλακτος, ἀπειρος λόγου δικαιοσύνης· *νήπιος γάρ ἐστιν τελείων δέ ἐστιν ή στερεὰ τροφή*, where the resemblances are so close as to suggest that the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews had seen this Epistle and 1 Pet. ii. 2. The metaphor however was a common one at this time, see Philo *de Agricult.* § 2, 1. p. 301 (ed. Mangey), ἐπεὶ δὲ νηπίοις μέν ἐστι γάλα τροφή, *τελείοις δὲ τὰ ἐκ πυρῶν πέμπατα*, Pinytus ap. Routh *R. S.* I. p. 184.

ἐπότισα, οὐ βρῶμα] For the zeugma compare Hesiod, *Theog.* 640 *νέκταρ τ' ἀμβροσίην τε, τά περ θεοὶ αὐτοὶ ἔδονσι*, Luke i. 64.

ἔδνασθε] is probably to be taken absolutely here, ‘*for ye were not strong enough*,’ a sense in which it appears to be not infrequently used in the LXX., e.g. Jerem. v. 4, xxxviii. 5, Ps. cxxviii. 2.

ἀλλά] ‘Why should I say ye were not strong enough; nay ye are not strong enough even now’; for *ἀλλά* in this sense cf. Winer *Gr.* § liii. p. 551 sq.

οὐδὲ ἔτι νῦν] An interval of about five years had elapsed since St Paul first visited them. He seems to make no allusion here to his *second* visit, which was probably of short duration, and in which he had few opportunities of instructing them.

We are led to enquire what teaching St Paul signified by *γάλα* and *βρῶμα* respectively. Obviously the doctrine of Christ crucified belonged to the former, as he himself says that he made the preaching of this his sole object on this occasion (ii. 3). This was the basis of his teaching. The best comment on this passage is furnished by Heb. v. 11—vi. 2, where the writer, laying down the same distinction between *γάλα* and *στερεὰ τροφή*, describes the former thus: ‘not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of *faith towards God*, of the doctrine of *baptisms* and of *laying on of hands*, and of *resurrection of the dead*, and of *eternal judgment*.’ And thus the teaching of the Thessalonian Epistles, which does not go beyond this, may be taken as a sample of the ‘milk’

for babes. The doctrine of justification by faith, which, as lying at the foundation of Christian teaching, would fall under the term γάλα, might still in its more complex aspects be treated as βρῶμα, and so it is in the Epistle to the Romans. If it be asked again whether St Paul is speaking of doctrinal or spiritual truths, our reply is that the two cannot be separated in Christianity. Christianity, it is said, is a life, not a creed. It could be more truly called ‘a life in a creed.’ See more on this subject in note on σοφία ii. II.

3. ὅπου] introduces a condition. In itself it puts the case as purely hypothetical, and the fulfilment of the condition here is implied from the context, as in 2 Pet. ii. II.

Ἵλος καὶ ἔρις] ‘ἵλος cogitatione, ἔρις verbis, διχοστασίᾳ opere. Sall. *Catil.* ix. 2 Jurgia, discordias, simultates,’ Wetstein. A regular sequence: ‘emulation’ engenders ‘strife,’ and ‘strife’ produces ‘divisions.’ Cf. ii. 3. But the words καὶ διχοστασίᾳ of the Textus Receptus should be omitted. For the terms see the notes on Gal. v. 20; and for a more complete sequence Clem. Rom. § 3 ἵλος καὶ φθόνος, καὶ ἔρις καὶ στάσις, διωγμὸς καὶ ἀκαταστασία, πόλεμος καὶ αἰχμαλωσία (with the notes).

It is instructive to observe how ἵλος has been degraded in Christian ethics from the high position which it holds in classical Greek as a noble emulation (*ἐπιεικές ἔστι τὸ ἕιλος καὶ ἐπιεικῶν* Arist. *Rhet.* ii. 11), so that it is most frequently used in a bad sense of quarrelsome opposition. Compare especially Clem. Rom. §§ 4, 5. Similar to this is the degradation of εὐτραπελία (Eph. v. 4 contrasted with Arist. *Eth. Nic.* ii. 7, iv. 14) and the exaltation of ταπεινοφροσύνη (e.g. 1 Pet. v. 5 compared with Arist. (?) *Eth. Eudem.* iii. 3 cited by Neander *Pfl. u. Leit.* ii. p. 759).

κατὰ ἄνθρωπον] ‘with merely human motives or feelings’: i.e. your walk in life conforms to a merely human standard. Compare Rom. iii. 5, 1 Cor. xv. 32, Gal. i. 11, iii. 15. The expression is confined to the Epistles of this group. The preposition denotes the measure or standard.

(c) *Paul and Apollos human instruments merely* (iii. 4—23).

4. ἐγώ μὲν, ἔτερος δέ] Observe the irregular position of the particles μὲν and δέ, which correspond logically though not grammatically. On the omission of St Peter’s name here, see the note on i. 12.

ἄνθρωποι ἔστε] ‘are ye not mere men?’ ‘Is not the divine principle—the principle of love and unity—obliterated in you?’ The word is much more forcible than σαρκικοί, the reading of the Textus Receptus introduced from ver. 3 above, and links on better with the foregoing κατὰ ἄνθρωπον. The distinction of meaning between ἄνθρωπος, the lower, and ἄνδρος, the higher aspect of man, would be as present to St Paul’s mind, as it would to that of a Greek of the classical age. See Xen. *Anab.* vi. 1. 26 ἐγώ, ὁ ἄνδρες, ηδομαι μὲν ὑπὸ ὑμῶν τιμώμενος, εἴπερ ἄνθρωπός είμι, Philostratus *Vita*

Apoll. i. 7. 4 τοὺς ἐν τῇ χώρᾳ ἀνθρώπους ὑμῶν δὲ ἀνθρῶν ὅντων, i. 19. "Ανθρώπος is equivalent to the Heb. סָנָן and ἀνὴρ to שָׁנָן, as in the LXX. of Is. ii. 9, v. 15, xxxi. 8.

5. τι οὖν...τι δέ] 'Are Apollos and Paul then lords over God's vintage, that you exalt them to party-leaders? No; they are but servants.' *Ti* is the right reading both times, being much more emphatic than *tis*: it expresses greater disdain. 'As though Apollos or Paul were anything.'

[**Απολλώς, Παύλος**] This, the correct order, is perhaps to be explained as a mark of respect to Apollos; or it may be that St Paul here, as elsewhere (e.g. iv. 10), picks up the last word from the preceding verse first—'I am of Apollos, why what is Apollos?' and then adds 'and what is Paul?' lest he should seem to exalt himself at the expense of Apollos.

'Ἄλλ' ή must be omitted on strong external testimony, though grammatically quite correct. This is one out of many instances where the received text enfeebles the style of St Paul, by smoothing his abruptnesses.

[**διάκονοι**] 'mere servants,' not leaders at all. The word is opposed to the Great Master (*ὁ Κύριος*), Who is mentioned just below.

δι' ὧν] i.e. the instruments only, not the objects of your faith; 'per quos, non in quos,' as Bengel says. Therefore do not pin your faith on them.

[**ἐπιστεύσατε**] 'ye were converted, ye accepted the faith.' This use of the aorist is common: see the note on 2 Thess. i. 10 πιστεύσασιν.

[**ἔκαστος**] The construction is καὶ ἔκαστος (not ἔπιστευσεν but δηκόνει) ὡς ὁ Κύριος ἔδωκεν αὐτῷ: comp. vii. 17, Rom. xii. 3. That the reference is here to the teachers and not to the taught, appears from the following words explaining the different ministrations assigned to each, 'I planted, Apollos watered,' and from *ἔκαστος* below, ver. 8.

[**ὁ Κύριος**] 'the Lord,' 'the Master of the universe and of themselves'; opposed to *οἱ διάκονοι*. We have the same play upon the word, so to speak, in Col. iii. 22, 23, where δοῦλοι is opposed to τοῖς κατὰ σάρκα κυρίοις, and then immediately follows φοβούμενοι τὸν Κύριον and in the next verse again τῷ Κυρίῳ Χριστῷ δουλεύετε. See also Eph. vi. 5—9. *Κύριος*, which in Attic Greek is chiefly used for 'a master' with a technical legal meaning, is in the N. T. the common word rather than *δεσπότης*, which occurs comparatively seldom. On both words see Trench *N. T. Syn.* § xxviii.

6. ἐγώ ἐφύτευσα κ.τ.λ.] This is entirely in accordance with the account given in the Acts of the part taken by St Paul and Apollos respectively in the foundation of the Church of Corinth: Acts xviii. 1—18 with regard to St Paul, xviii. 24—xix. 1 with regard to Apollos.

The Fathers put a very curious interpretation upon this passage: in order to refer ἐπόριζεν to baptism they applied ἐφύτευσα to the work of educating the catechumens. Thus Gregory Nyssen c. *Eunom.* ii. (p. 565)

φυτεύει μὲν διὰ τῆς κατηχήσεως ὁ ἀπόστολος, ποτίζει δὲ βαπτίζων ὁ Ἀπολλός, Optatus, 'de pagano catechumenon feci : ille catechumenon baptizavit,' and Petilianus *ap.* Aug. iii. 53, and Augustine himself, *Epist.* 48. The interpretation is instructive, as showing a general fault of patristic exegesis, the endeavour to attach a technical sense to words in the N. T. which had not yet acquired this meaning.

ἡγέανεν] Observe the change of tense from the aorist *ἔφυτενσα*, *ἐπότισεν*, to the imperfect. 'God ever gave the increase,' this being a continuous and gradual process.

7, 8. The argument is as follows : 'Paul and Apollos are *nothing* : therefore you ought not to make them lords over you (ver. 7). Again, Paul and Apollos are *one thing* : therefore they ought not to be the occasion of dissension among you (ver. 8).' Every word, especially in these earlier chapters, is charged with meaning.

7. **ώστε]** is explained by *ἀλλ' ὁ Θεὸς ηγέανεν*. It is as if the Apostle had said, 'What are the planting and watering without the principle of growth? Therefore you ought not to regard the planter and waterer etc.' The contrast is implied in the adversative *ἀλλά*.

ἐστίν τι] For *εἰσιν τι* see Gal. ii. 6, vi. 15, Acts v. 36, viii. 9.

ὅ αὐξάνων Θεός] i.e. *τὰ πάντα ἔστι*. Notice the order : 'but He that giveth the increase, which is God.'

8. **ὁ φυτεύων δὲ]** The particle either marks the opposition to *οἱ αὐξάνων Θεός* which has just preceded, or introduces the second application 'but again.'

Ἐν εἰσιν] 'are one thing,' i.e. 'are working for one and the same end, are part of the same administration : and therefore ought not to be the cause of divisions.' Observe how their independence is sunk in the form of the expression (*Ἐν*).

ἴκαστος δὲ] Here the particle is corrective : 'though they are one, yet they will *each* severally etc.' Just as their individuality had been ignored in *Ἐν εἰσιν* of the former clause, so now it is especially emphasized in this new aspect by *ἴκαστος* and by the repetition of *τὸν ἴδιον*, 'congruens iteratio, antitheton ad *unum*' Bengel.

9. **Θεοῦ γάρ ἐσμεν συνεργοί]** It is better to refer *γάρ* to the first clause in the preceding verse and to treat *ἴκαστος δὲ...κόπον* as parenthetical. 'We are a part of one great scheme, for we are fellow-workers with God.' Observe the emphatic *Θεοῦ*—emphatic both from its position and from its repetition. All things are referred to Him.

συνεργοί] 'labourers together with God,' 'fellow-labourers with God,' as the E. V., not, as others take it, 'fellow-labourers in the service of God.' See note on 1 Thess. iii. 2, where the transcribers have altered the text in order to get rid of so startling an expression as 'fellow-workers with God.'

Θεοῦ γεώργιον, Θεοῦ οἰκοδομή ἐστε] The former of these metaphors has been already applied (*vv. 6—8*) : and now the latter is expanded (*vv.*

10—17). Thus ‘God’s husbandry, God’s building’ is the link which connects the two paragraphs together. Of the two images *γεώργιον* implies the organic growth of the Church, *οἰκοδομὴ* the mutual adaptation of its parts. *Οἰκοδομὴ* is a later form of *οἰκοδόμημα*: see Lobeck *Phryn.* p. 481 sq., Buttm. *Gr.* § 121.

10. St Paul had hitherto dwelt on the metaphor of the husbandry; he now turns to that of the building. The former metaphor was best adapted to develop the essential unity of the work, the latter to explain the variety of modes in which the workmen might carry out the labour.

[κατὰ τὴν χάριν τοῦ Θεοῦ] This is not a mere empty form of words. It is emphatic from its position. ‘If I laid the foundation, I cannot take to myself the credit of the work. The honour is due to God.’ St Paul is still dwelling on the same idea, which he brings out in the thrice repeated *Θεοῦ* of the preceding verse.

For the expression itself and for the emphatic position in which it is placed compare Acts xv. 11 ἀλλὰ διὰ τῆς χάριτος τοῦ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ πιστεύομεν σωθῆναι. Where it is necessary for him to speak of his work, he is careful to exclude boasting at the outset. *Xáris* is the watchword of St Paul. It is the objective element, the divine counterpart, corresponding to the subjective element, the human correlative *píotis*; cf. Eph. ii. 8 τῇ γὰρ χάριτί ἔστε σεσωμένοι διὰ τῆς πίστεως. It is opposed to *nómos* (Rom. vi. 14), as *píotis* is to *ἔργα*.

σοφὸς] ‘skilful,’ the correct epithet to apply to proficiency in any craft or art. Cf. Arist. *Eth. Nic.* vi. 7 τὴν δὲ σοφίαν ἐν ταῖς τέχναις τοῖς ἀκριβεστάτοις τὰς τέχνας ἀποδίδομεν· οἷον Φειδίαν λιθουργὸν καὶ Πολύκλειτον ἀνδριαντοποιόν. The expression *σοφὸς ἀρχιτέκτων* occurs in Is. iii. 3.

θεμέλιον] The dictum of Moeris *θεμέλια καὶ θεμέλιον οὐδετέρως, ἀττικῶς*. *θεμέλιοι καὶ θεμέλιος, κοινῶς* (cf. Thom. Magister) is not borne out by its usage in extant passages. For an instance of the neuter in the *κοινή* see Acts xvi. 26, and of the masculine in Attic see Thucyd. i. 93. The singular masculine and neuter seem equally rare in Attic writers (no instances given in the common lexicons), though not uncommon in the *κοινή* (cf. e.g. Polyb. i. 40. 9, not cited in the lexx.). The word is properly an adjective and therefore when used in the masc. *λίθος* is understood. Cf. Aristoph. *An.* 1137 *γέρανοι θεμέλιον καταπεπωκία λίθους*.

Θηκα] the better supported reading, is more appropriate here. The more absolute *τέθεικα* ‘I have laid’ would savour somewhat of arrogance, and would better describe the office of God than of the human agent. See the note on *κείμενον* ver. 11.

ἄλλος δὲ] The reference is not solely to Apollos, for he was only one out of many teachers who had built up the Corinthian Church. Cf. *ἐκαστος δέ*. At the same time, occurring as it does so soon after the mention of Apollos (ver. 6), it suggests the idea that St Paul feared that Apollos

might not be quite free from blame : that he might have conceded too much to the cravings of the ears and intellect of the Corinthians.

πῶς ἐποικοδομεῖ] ‘what is the character of the building he erects thereupon’; including the character of the materials, which are specified afterwards, but not restricted to them. ‘My caution,’ says St Paul, ‘has reference to the building up, for the superstructure may be built up in many ways (and therefore care is needed) : but only one foundation is possible.’

St Paul refuses to conceive the possibility of any professedly Christian teacher laying any other foundation. The foundation is already laid for him. In exactly the same spirit he speaks of the impossibility of there being more than one Gospel in Gal. i. 6, 7 θαυμάζω ὅτι οὐτως ταχέως μετατίθεσθε...εἰς ἔτερον εὐαγγέλιον ὃ οὐκ ἔστιν ἄλλο κ.τ.λ. The word δύναται here must not be emptied of its meaning.

II. παρὰ τὸν κείμενον] ‘besides that which lieth,’ stronger than τὸν τεθέντα which ἔθηκα (ver. 10) would lead us to expect, or even than τὸν τεθειμένον. The foundation is already laid, when the workman begins his work. Τὸν κείμενον asserts the position of the foundation stone to be absolutely independent of human interference.

St Paul is here inconsistent in his language only that he may bring out the truth more fully. He had before spoken of himself as a skilful architect. Now he says that no one could have done otherwise than he has done. He had before asserted that he had laid the foundation stone. Now he affirms that the foundation stone was already laid for him.

[*Ιησοῦς Χριστός*] The one only foundation stone is the personal Saviour, the historical Christ. Observe that it is not *Χριστός* alone—no ideal Christ—no theories or doctrines about Christ—not faith in Christ—but Jesus Christ himself, ‘the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever’ (Heb. xiii. 8).

Our Lord is here represented as the foundation stone (*θεμέλιος*), elsewhere the chief corner stone, *ἀκρογωνιαῖος* (Eph. ii. 20). He is the basis on which the Church rests, and the centre of her unity.

12. In the passage which follows there seems to be a clear allusion to the prophecy of Malachi iii. 1 sq. ἔξαιφνης ηὗει εἰς τὸν ναὸν ἑαυτοῦ κύριος ...καὶ τὶς ὑπομενεῖ ἡμέραν εἰσόδου αὐτοῦ...διότι αὐτὸς εἰσπορεύεται ὡς πῦρ χωνευτηρίου...καὶ καθιεῖται χωνεύων καὶ καθαρίζων ὡς τὸ ἀργύριον καὶ ὡς τὸ χρυσίον, iv. 1 διότι ἴδον ἡμέρα ἔρχεται κατομένη ὡς κλίβανος καὶ φλέξει αὐτοὺς καὶ ἔσονται...οἱ ποιοῦντες ἄνομα καλάμη καὶ ἀνάψει αὐτοὺς ἡ ἡμέρα ἡ ἔρχουμένη, i.e. the fire shall purify the nobler materials, the silver and gold, and consume the baser material, the stubble. The application of the metaphor of the ‘fire’ and the ‘day’ here however is somewhat different.

εἰ δέ τις] i.e. but on the other hand the character of the superstructure may vary, and these varieties will be made manifest.

χρυσίον κ.τ.λ.] i.e. durable materials as gold, silver and costly stones, or perishable materials as wood, hay and stubble. The words go in threes, of a palace on the one hand, of a mud hovel on the other. The idea of splendour however seems to be included in the first triad. The structure is at once a palace adorned with gold and silver and precious stones no less than a palace firmly built of gold and silver and costly marbles. Tibull. iii. 3. 16 'Quidve domus prodest Phrygiis innixa columnis, Aurataeque trabes, marmoreumque solum.'

Χρυσίον, ἄργυριον, which represent the right reading here, differ from **χρύσος, ἄργυρος** (gold and silver simply) in signifying gold or silver made up in some way, as in coins, plate etc. The **λίθοι τίμιοι** are perhaps 'costly marbles.' Perhaps however 'precious stones, jewels' may be meant, and the description here is not intended to apply to any actual building, but to an imaginary edifice of costly materials as the New Jerusalem. Cf. Rev. xxi. 18, 19 *καὶ ἡ πόλις χρυσίον καθαρὸν...οἱ θεμέλιοι τοῦ τείχους τῆς πόλεως παντὶ λίθῳ τίμῳ κεκοσμημένοι.* The LXX. use of the expression appears to vary between these two meanings. Thus in 2 Sam. xii. 30 *τάλαντον χρυσίον καὶ λίθον τίμιον* it is employed of a king's crown, in 1 Kings x. 2, 2 Chron. ix. 1, 9 of the Queen of Sheba's gifts. In other passages (1 Kings x. 11, 2 Chron. ix. 10) it seems to refer to marbles. Cf. also Ezek. xxvii. 12, 22 and esp. Dan. xi. 38.

ξύλα, χόρτον, καλάμην] A hovel of which the supports would be of wood, and the hay and straw would be employed either to bind the mud or plaster together, or to thatch the roof. Compare Seneca *Epf. xc. 10*, 17 'Culmus liberos textit...non quaelibet virgea in cratem texuerunt manu et vili obleverunt luto, deinde stipula aliisque silvestribus operuere fastigium?'

The question is raised here whether 'the building' represents 'the body of believers,' or 'the body of doctrine taught.' In favour of the first view is the direct statement *Θεοῦ οἰκοδομή ἔστε* (ver. 9): in favour of the second, the whole context, which certainly has some reference to the character of the teaching. Perhaps we should say that neither is excluded, that both are combined. The building is the Church as the witness of the truth. Thus it is the doctrine exhibited in a concrete form.

From the metaphor is derived the use of *οἰκοδομή* (-μεῖν -μία -μησις) in the sense of 'instruction,' 'edification.' This meaning seems not to occur in the LXX., and probably not in the classical writers. Indeed in the New Testament it is not found out of St Paul with the exception of Acts ix. 31 (for in Acts xx. 32 it occurs in a speech of St Paul); and therefore the prevalence of this metaphor of 'edification' is probably due to the influence of his phraseology. See on 1 Thess. v. 11.

The idea of an allusion in the whole passage to the conflagration of Mummius is too far fetched to commend itself.

13. **ἐκάστου κ.τ.λ.**] The apodosis is framed, as if the protasis had

run otherwise—εἴτε τις ἐποικοδομεῖ χρυσίον κ.τ.λ....εἴτε ξύλα κ.τ.λ. ‘whether the superstructure has been raised of durable or of perishable materials.’

τὸ ἔργον] The plural τὰ ἔργα is frequently used in a special sense of buildings, or ‘works’ as we say. That sense is less defined in the singular, but there may perhaps be a tinge of it here. Cf. e.g. Thuc. i. 90.

ἡ ἡμέρα] ‘the day.’ See the notes on 1 Thess. v. 2, 4.

ὅτι ἐν πυρὶ ἀποκαλύπτεται] The idea of manifestation, which is faintly involved in ἡμέρα, having been more definitely insisted upon in φανερὸν γενήσεται and δηλώσει, the *manner* of this manifestation is declared: ‘it is revealed in fire’—a reference to Malachi l.c. Cf. also 2 Thess. i. 8.

ἐν πυρὶ] The idea of fire here is the connecting link between the idea of illumination which has hitherto prevailed and that of burning which now takes its place. By its destructive property the fire will test the stability of the work, purifying the better material and consuming the baser. The application is thus to a certain extent different from that in Malachi l. c.

ἀποκαλύπτεται] For this use of the present see the note on 1 Thess. v. 2 ἔρχεται, and to the references there given add Luke xvii. 30.

ἐκάστου τὸ ἔργον] may either be the accusative case after δοκιμάσει, this being the more idiomatic construction; or on the other hand a suspended nominative. Rom. xii. 2 εἰς τὸ δοκιμάζειν ὑμᾶς τί τὸ θέλημα is in favour of the nominative here; but a single passage should not weigh much, and the order of the words is against this construction.

αὐτὸ] Though omitted in the T.R., αὐτὸ is probably genuine, the weight of authority slightly preponderating in its favour. It is taken by Meyer closely with πῦρ ‘the fire itself,’ but it is not easy to see the force of the expression. Rather should it be considered as referring to ἐκάστου τὸ ἔργον, the pronoun being added by a pleonasm not uncommon in the N. T. ‘The fire shall test it.’ This idiomatic use will account for its omission. Similar omissions of the pleonastic pronoun occur in some MSS. on Matt. ix. 27, xxvi. 71, Luke viii. 27, xvii. 7. In other passages the stumbling block is removed by altering the form of the sentence.

14. μένει] It is a question whether this verb is present or future. Though the future would accord with the following κατακαήσεται, yet on the other hand the present is the more forcible here, the notion of permanence being better expressed by it. Compare John viii. 35, xii. 34, 1 Cor. xiii. 13 for μένειν in this tense.

15. ζημιωθήσεται] ‘shall be mulcted of his reward,’ sc. τὸν μισθὸν understood from the previous verse. Cf. Deut. xxii. 19, Exod. xxi. 22, where ζημιῶν is used with an accusative of the fine inflicted. The idea can be illustrated by 2 Joh. 8 ἵνα μὴ ἀπολέσητε ἡ ἡργασάμεθα ἀλλὰ μισθὸν πλήρη ἀπολάβητε.

αὐτὸς δὲ] opposed to μισθόν. His reward shall be lost, but his person shall be saved.

οῦτως δὲ ὡς διὰ πυρός] ‘but only as one passing through fire is saved’: i.e. with such a narrow escape. ‘Prope ambustus evaserat’ Livy xxii. 35. Much has been built on this passage. The Romish doctrine of purgatory has been supposed to be supported by it. But we must not press *οὗτως ὡς* as though the expression necessarily implies any actual fire. It is used equally to express a fact and a similitude. Thus in 1 Cor. iv. 1 *οὗτως ἡμᾶς λογιζέσθω ἀνθρώπος ὡς ὑπηρέτας Χριστοῦ* it expresses a fact, they were ministers; on the other hand in 1 Cor. ix. 26 *οὗτως πυκτεύω ὡς οὐκ ἀέρα δέρων* it introduces a metaphor. But the context decides the meaning to be metaphorical here. From beginning to end we cannot treat any part as literal to the exclusion of the rest (the *ξύλα, χόρτος, καλάμη*). There is no stopping at one point. If any further argument were needed, it would be found in the fact that a moral and not a physical agency is obviously required here. It would be rash to deny that St Paul conceived of the Lord appearing amidst an actual flame of fire: but the outward appearance is only the symbol of a spiritual power. Thus the light which accompanies the Lord’s appearing is a symbol of that light which He will shed on the thoughts and deeds of all men, the revelation of the hidden things of darkness: the flame of fire, which surrounds Him, betokens the powerful agency which consumes the inefficient work, and spares only the substantial labour. Here St Paul sees the thing symbolized in the symbol. See the notes on 1 Thess. iv. 16, 17.

Διὰ πυρὸς is here local, not instrumental; cf. e.g. Rom. xv. 28 δὶ’ ὑμῶν εἰς Σπανίαν, and see Winer § 51, p. 452. For it is clearly an allusion to the proverbial expression of ‘passing through fire.’ This expression is equally common in classical Greek (compare Eur. *Andr.* 487 διὰ πυρὸς ἐλθεῖν, Eur. *Electr.* 1182 διὰ πυρὸς μολεῖν) and in the Old Testament. See Is. xlivi. 2, Ps. lxv. 12 διελθεῖν διὰ πυρός, Zech. xiii. 9 διάγειν διὰ πυρός, and for similar phrases Zech. iii. 2 ὡς δαλὸς ἐξεσπασμένος ἐκ πυρός, 1 Pet. iii. 20 διεσώθησαν δι’ ὑδατος. There is therefore no idea of purifying ‘by means of fire’ implied in the passage here. It simply denotes a hairbreadth escape.

That the Apostle does not intend any puratorial fire by this expression will appear from the following considerations. (1) Fire is here simply regarded as a destructive agency. There is no trace here of the idea of refining or purging, an attribute elsewhere given to it, as in Malachi iii. 3, though even there the prophet seems to speak of purging the whole nation by destroying the wicked, not of purging sin in the individual man. (2) The whole image implies a momentary effect and not a slow, continuous process. The Lord shall appear in a flash of light and a flame of fire. The light shall dart its rays into the innermost recesses of the moral world. The flame shall reduce to ashes the superstructure raised by the careless or unskilful builder. The builder himself shall flee for his life. He shall escape, but scorched and with the marks of the flame about him.

16. οὐκ οἰδατε] The warning and the metaphor seem to come in somewhat abruptly, but there is a link of connexion, for ναὸς is only a definition of the previous metaphor οἰκοδομὴ (ver. 9). The building has now become a temple. Compare Eph. ii. 20—22, where we have the same transition, first the building (*ἐποικοδομηθέντες*), then that building defined as a temple (*εἰς ναὸν ἄγιον*), lastly that temple described as the permanent abode (*εἰς κατοικητήριον*) of God in the spirit. Here ναὸς is more immediately suggested by the passage of Malachi which the Apostle has in his mind throughout, the temple there being one of the leading ideas (Mal. iii. 1).

ναὸς Θεοῦ] ‘*God’s temple*,’ not ‘*a temple of God*.’ The Apostle is speaking of the community, not of the individual Christian. There is an allusion in these verses to the dissensions which are a corrupting of God’s temple. The metaphor is not from the many temples of the heathen, but from the one temple of Jerusalem. So Philo *Monarch.* ii. 1 (II. p. 223 ed. Mangey) *προενόστε δὲ ὡς οὐτε πολλαχόθε οὕτ’ ἐν ταύτῳ πολλὰ κατασκευασθῆσται ιερὰ δικαιώσας ἐπειδὴ εἰς ἑστὶ Θεὸς καὶ ιερὸν εἶναι μόνον.*

οἰκεῖ] The ναὸς, the inward shrine or sanctuary, was regarded as the abode of the deity (from ναίειν ‘to dwell’). Of course this was the case with heathen deities, but in a certain sense it was also true of the temple at Jerusalem; for though God ‘dwelleth not in temples made with hands’ (Acts xvii. 24), yet the symbol of His presence, the Shechinah, was there. Hence St Luke (xi. 51) calls the inner temple the *οἶκος*, where another evangelist has ναὸς (Matt. xxiii. 35). Observe however that, in the case of the Christian community, the word is appropriate not because the image of the deity was there, as in heathen temples, nor the symbol, as in the Jewish temple, but because the Spirit of God was the Indweller.

17. φθείρει, φθερεῖ] The same word is studiously kept to show that the offender is requited in kind. Compare Acts xxiii. 2, 3 *ἐπέταξεν τύπτειν αὐτοῦ τὸ στόμα...Τύπτειν σε μέλλει ὁ Θεός*, where we must recollect that St Paul is speaking. The same English word then ought to have been preserved at all hazards in the A. V. For the metaphor compare Ign. Eph. § 16 μὴ πλανᾶσθε, ἀδελφοί μου, οἱ οἰκοφθόροι βασιλείαν Θεοῦ οὐ κληρονομήσουσιν κ.τ.λ., following immediately after § 15 πάντα οὖν ποιῶμεν ὡς αὐτοῦ ἐν ἡμῖν κατοικοῦντος, ἵνα ὀμεν αὐτοῦ ναοῖ.

A comparison with vi. 19 is instructive. Here it is a subtle and disputatious spirit, there moral impurity, which violates the temple of the Spirit. The two passages together condemn the leading vicious tendencies of the Corinthian character.

18. δοκεῖ] ‘seemeth to himself.’ This is the usual (though perhaps not the universal) sense of δοκεῖν in St Paul: comp. vii. 40, viii. 2, x. 12, xiv. 37 etc.

ἐν τῷ αἰώνι τούτῳ] The idea is not temporal, but ethical, moral: the mundane order of things as opposed to the eternal, the heavenly.

19. ὁ δραστήρενος κ.τ.λ.] ‘he that seizeth the wise’; a quotation from Job v. 13, the only quotation from Job in the N. T. The Apostle however translates from the Hebrew himself, substituting two more forcible expressions for the LXX. ὁ καταλαμβάνων σοφοὺς ἐν τῇ φρονήσει αὐτῶν. St Paul’s rendering of מְרַע by πανούργια is the more correct, as the adjective מְרַע is generally translated πανούργος in the LXX.

The words, it will be observed, are the words of Eliphaz, but they are appropriated because of their intrinsic truth. Compare Gal. iv. 30, where the language of Sarah is cited as Scripture (ἡ γραφή), and Matt. xix. 5, where apparently the words of Adam are quoted as the voice of God.

20. καὶ πόλιν] Taken from the LXX. of Ps. xciv. (xciii.) 11, τῶν σοφῶν however being substituted for τῶν ἀνθρώπων. Here the LXX. follows the Hebrew more closely, but ‘there seems to be a reminiscence of the original in the next words ἐν ἀνθρώποις’ (Stanley).

διαλογισμοῖς] ‘the reasonings,’ ‘thoughts’: not ‘the disputations.’ This is the sense of the word in the original and therefore is decisive for us here, besides being the usual meaning of διαλογισμοὶ in the N. T. See the note on Phil. ii. 14.

21. ἐν ἀνθρώποις] i.e. ‘in human teachers,’ returning to what he has said in i. 31.

πάντα γὰρ ὑμῶν ἔστιν] The whole universe, as it were, lies at the feet of the true disciple of Christ. Compare Rom. viii. 28, where the same idea is expressed in not quite such strong language. This mode of speaking is perhaps borrowed from Stoic phraseology; but though the Stoics certainly talked in this way, the application is different. Zeno (*ap. Diog. Laert.* vii. 1. 25) may say καὶ τῶν σοφῶν δὲ πάντα εἶναι, Cicero (*Acad.* ii. 44) ‘omnia, quae ubique essent, sapientis esse,’ Seneca (*de Benef.* vii. 2, 3) ‘emittere hanc dei vocem Haec omnia mea sunt’; but though the Stoic and Christian phraseology may be the same, how striking the real contrast of sentiment! Instead of assigning all virtues to the wise, it is just to the wise that St Paul denies them. They belong, so to speak, to the fools (*οἱ μωροί*). Again, instead of assigning this universal dominion to the isolation of self, he bestows it upon the negation of self, the absorption or incorporation of self in Christ (*ἐν Χριστῷ*). All things are the believer’s; but they are only his, in so far as he is Christ’s, and because Christ is God’s. See *Philippians*, p. 304 sq.

22. Παῦλος, Ἀπολλώς, Κηφᾶς] He begins with the human teachers. ‘They *all* belong to you, they are your slaves; you each individually take one of them as a party-leader, but they are *all* yours.’ He starts from this, as being the point at issue: and then he goes on, ‘Indeed the whole universe, the whole order of things is yours.’ Here κόσμος is best taken by itself, the rest hanging together in pairs. ‘Whether life or death.’ Again an exhaustive division, but this time with reference to the subjective state. Life and death are antagonistic to each other, are

mutually exclusive ; yet either state ministers alike to the good of the faithful. Compare Rom. viii. 38, Phil. i. 21, and for ἐνεστῶτα, μέλλοντα see the note on Gal. i. 4.

23. ὑμεῖς δὲ Χριστοῦ] ‘But this mastery of the universe is only yours by virtue of your incorporation in Christ, your participation in His sovereignty.’

Χριστὸς δὲ Θεοῦ] It is not the human but the divine nature of Christ to which the Apostle alludes. This interpretation is necessary for the proper understanding of the Nicene Creed ; necessary for the preservation of the Unity of the Godhead, while confessing the divinity of Christ. Compare St John xvii. 7, 8, 21—23.

CHAPTER IV.

*Human preferences worthless: the divine tribunal alone final
(iv. 1—5).*

1. **οὗτως**] The adverb does not go with what precedes ‘this being so,’ ‘therefore’; but is to be taken closely with ὡς: comp. iii. 15, ix. 26, 2 Cor. ix. 5, Eph. v. 33. The order of the words seems imperatively to demand this, because otherwise we can give no account of the position of ήμᾶς, which then becomes the principal word in the sentence. Eph. v. 28 οὗτως ὀφειλουσιν καὶ οἱ ἄνδρες ἀγαπᾶν τὰς ἑαυτῶν γυναῖκας ὡς τὰ ἑαυτῶν σώματα has a very different order and force. ‘So ought the husbands also to love their wives as their own bodies.’ If οὗτως be taken as the principal word and joined with ὡς, ήμᾶς falls at once into insignificance, as the sense demands.

οἰκονόμοις] ‘stewards of the mysteries,’ i.e. teachers of the revealed truths. The church is the *oikos* (1 Tim. iii. 15), God the *οἰκοδεσπότης* (Matt. xiii. 52), the members the *oiketoi* (Gal. vi. 10, Eph. ii. 19, where see the notes). See also especially the notes on *oikonomia* Col. i. 25, Eph. i. 10.

2. **ἄδει**] This reading has the vast preponderance of evidence. The same change into ὁ δὲ has been made in Luke xvi. 25, where it is quite impossible to connect with the previous sentence, as the reading ὁ δὲ would require. Compare also Rev. xiii. 18, xvii. 9. ‘Ἄδει never has any other than a local sense in the N. T., ‘here,’ ‘in this matter’; but it must be taken with what follows, as is distinctly done by the principal versions (Vulg. Pesh. Memph.).

λοιπὸν κ.τ.λ.] ‘for the rest, it is required (generally the force of *ἔχειν*) that a man be found trustworthy’ (passive, see *Galatians*, p. 155).

3. **ἐμοὶ δὲ κ.τ.λ.**] ‘but to me it amounts to the smallest of all matters that I should be examined by you or by man’s day.’ For εἰς after εἴναι in the sense of ‘it comes to’ compare vi. 16 ἔσονται...εἰς σάρκα μιαν. Somewhat different is the expression in Col. ii. 22 ἢ ἐστιν εἰς φθορὰν ‘destined to,’ where see the note. On the technical sense of *ἀνακρίνειν* here see above on ii. 15.

ἀνθρωπίνης ἡμέρας] The A. V. somewhat boldly translates ‘man’s judgment’; but the word is put here because it is in opposition to *ἡμέρα* of iii. 13 ‘the Lord’s day.’ The meaning is ‘by any day fixed by man.’ The idea of a day as implying judgment is common in Hebrew, and would be directly assisted by such expressions as ‘diem dicere,’ ‘to fix a day for judgment.’ Compare the English ‘daysman,’ which contains the same idea (Wright’s *Bible Word Book* s. v.).

4. **οὐδὲν γὰρ κ.τ.λ.]** ‘for though I know nothing against myself, yet.’ It is important to see exactly what the Apostle’s meaning is. It is simply a hypothetical case. ‘For supposing I am conscious of no guilt in myself, yet am I not thereby justified.’ The most saintly of men are the most conscious of guilt in themselves, and St Paul would be the last to make an absolute statement to the contrary. The sentence means ‘on the supposition that I am not conscious, though I am.’ Other instances of the second sentence qualifying the first are (1) Rom. vi. 17, where the force of the passage is ‘Thanks be to God that though we were slaves to sin, we have obeyed,’ (2) Matt. xi. 25 ‘that while thou hast concealed these things from the wise and prudent, thou hast revealed them’ etc., and (3) John iii. 19, where it is not true to say that the judgment consisted in the fact of the light coming into the world, but, light having come into the world, the judgment is this that men loved darkness rather than light. Here then the sentence is put as a pure hypothesis.

‘I know nothing by myself’ is simply an archaism: compare Cranmer’s letter to Henry VIII. quoted in Wright’s *Bible Word Book*, ‘I am exceedingly sorry that such faults can be proved by the queen.’ For the idea cf. Horace *Epist.* i. 1. 61 ‘nil conscire sibi nulla pallescere culpa.’

ἀλλ’ οὐκ] Comp. Ign. *Rom.* § 5 ἀλλ’ οὐ παρὰ τοῦτο δεδικάσμαι, a reminiscence of this passage.

5. **πρὸς καιροῦ]** i.e. ‘do not therefore anticipate the great judgment (*κρίσις*) by any preliminary investigation (*ἀνάκρισις*), which must be futile and incomplete.’

ὅς Κύριος] There seems to be here a secondary allusion to the technical sense of *κύριος* as the properly constituted authority, e.g. Plato *Legg.* viii. p. 848C *κύριος ἔστω τῆς νομῆς*, Arist. *Pol.* ii. 9 (p. 1270 ed. Bekker) *κύριος εἶναι κρίσεων μεγάλων*, ii. 11 (p. 1273) ἀλλὰ *κύριοι κρίνειν εἰσι*. See also the note on iii. 5 and cf. vii. 22.

ὅς καὶ φωτίσει κ.τ.λ.] i.e. ‘Who will reveal all the facts, bring all the evidence to light; thus superseding the necessity of this human *ἀνάκρισις*; and will make manifest the counsels of men’s hearts, and then shall his due praise accrue to each one from God.’ ‘Ο *ἔπαινος* is ‘the praise due to him,’ whether small or great, whether much or none. Compare Rom. ii. 29 οὐδὲ ὁ *ἔπαινος οὐκ ἔξι ἀνθρώπων ἀλλ’ ἐκ τοῦ Θεοῦ*, where the force of the article is lost in the A. V.

(d) *Contrast between the self-satisfied temper of the Corinthians and the sufferings and abasement of the Apostles* (iv. 6—21).

6. ταῦτα δὲ κ.τ.λ.] ‘But though I have spoken only of Paul and Apollos, you must not suppose that the remarks refer to these solely or chiefly. I used the name of Paul and Apollos : but I alluded especially to others’—the Judaizing factions doubtless, with whom probably the party-spirit, as such, was strongest.

μετεσχημάτισα] ‘I transferred by a figure to myself and Apollos, that taking us as an illustration ye might learn not to exceed what is written in scripture.’

We find from both Greek and Latin writers that *σχῆμα* (schema) was used at this time especially (and almost exclusively) to imply a rhetorical artifice, by which, either from fear or respect or some other motive, the speaker veiled the allusion to individuals under an allegory or a feigned name or in any other way. Thus Quintilian says (ix. 2) ‘Jam ad id genus ...veniendum est in quo per quandam suspicionem, quod non dicimus accipi volumus...quod et supra ostendi jam fere solum schema a nostris vocatur et inde controversiae figuratae dicuntur.’ It appears therefore that this sense of a ‘covert allusion’ had almost monopolized the meaning of schema in Quintilian’s day: compare Martial iii. 68. 7 ‘schemate nec dubio sed aperte nominat illam.’ Another Latin term equivalent to ‘schema’ was ‘figura.’ Suetonius *Dom.* 10 ‘occidit Hermogenem Tar-sensem propter quasdam in historia figuras,’ and this explains the ‘controversiae figuratae’ above. St Paul therefore says, ‘I have applied these warnings to myself and Apollos for the purpose of a covert allusion, and that for your sakes, that ye may learn this general lesson.’

ἐν ἡμῖν] ‘in our case,’ ‘by our example,’ i.e. ‘by this μετασχηματισμὸς to ourselves.’

μὴ ὑπὲρ ἀ γέγραπται] ‘not to go beyond what is written in scripture’; apparently a proverb, or at any rate in a proverbial form; hence its elliptical dress: compare Terence *Andr.* i. 1. 61 ‘id arbitror Adprime in vita esse utile ut ne quid nimis.’ The insertion of *φρονεῖν* after *μὴ* in the Textus Receptus illustrates the tendency to smooth down these ellipses of St Paul by insertions: see v. 1 ὁνομάζεται, xi. 24 κλώμενον, and the notes on 2 Thess. ii. 3 ὅτι, 1 Cor. i. 26 οὐ πολλοί, 31 ἵνα καθὼς γέγραπται. Passages in the Apostle’s mind would doubtless be those quoted by him on i. 19, 31, iii. 19, 20.

φυσιοῦσθε] For the present indicative after *ἵνα* comp. Gal. iv. 17 *ἵνα* αὐτὸνς ζηλοῦτε with the note. It is conceivable however that in both these cases we have a dialectic form of the conjunctive of verbs in -οω.

7. τίς γάρ σε διακρίνει;] ‘for who is he that maketh a difference in thee?’ ‘who differentiates thee from another?’

8. The Apostle bursts out in impassioned irony. ‘You, it appears, are to be exalted by the Christian dispensation. You are eager to seize all

the advantages, to aim at all the elevation ; but you will leave to us all the hard work, all the indignities, all the sufferings. It is a very easy thing to claim all the privileges of your calling.'

κεκορεσμένοι] An allusion probably to Deut. xxxi. 20 καὶ φάγονται καὶ ἐμπληθύνεται κορίσουσι καὶ ἐπιστραφήσονται ἐπὶ θεοὺς ἀλλοτρίους, comp. Deut. xxxii. 15. They are filled and (as the Apostle implies) have waxed wanton.

ἐπλουτήσατε, ἔβασιλεύσατε] The aorists, used instead of perfects, imply indecent haste. Here we meet with Stoic phraseology once more : see the note on iii. 21.

συμβασιλεύσωμεν] For their triumph, supposing it to be genuine, would be his triumph also. They were his στέφανος καυχήσεως. Genuine however it was not : this is the force of the aorist after ὄφελον without ἀν.

9. **δοκῶ γὰρ]** 'As it is, so far from being kings, we are the refuse of society. For, I fancy, God exhibited us, the Apostles, last of all as condemned criminals : for we were made a spectacle to the whole world, aye to angels and men.'

τοὺς ἀποστόλους] He adds the words not to claim this position for himself alone.

ἀπέβαξεν] a technical word here, like the Latin 'edere' (Suet. Aug. 45 'edere gladiatores,' Livy xxviii. 21 'munus gladiatorium'). 'He brought us out in the arena of this world's amphitheatre.' We have the same metaphor in xv. 32 ἐθηριομάχησα. Tertullian (*de pudic.* 14) takes up the idea 'velut bestarios.'

ἔσχάτους] 'last of all,' i.e. to make the best sport for the spectators. The Apostles were brought out to make the grand finale, as it were. The reference to ἔσχατοι would be to the prophets and martyrs under the Old Covenant (Heb. xi. 33 sq., esp. vv. 39, 40).

ἐπιθανατίους] 'condemned criminals.' In this sense Dionysius of Halicarnassus, speaking of the Tarpeian Rock, says (*A. R.* vii. 35) οὗτοι αὐτοῖς ἔθος βάλλειν τοὺς ἐπιθανατίους.

Θέατρον] The Greek word may mean (1) the place, (2) the spectators, (3) the actors in the spectacle, or (4) the spectacle itself. The last meaning is the one used here and is the rarest (Hesych. θέατρον · θέαμα ἡ σύναγμα).

καὶ ἀγγέλοις] Καὶ is not exclusive of what went before, but singles out the ἀγγέλοι for special attention. Compare ix. 5 οἱ λοιποὶ ἀπόστολοι καὶ οἱ ἀδελφοὶ τοῦ Κυρίου καὶ Κηφᾶς, Acts i. 14 σὺν γυναιξὶν καὶ Μαριάμ. For the angels as interested spectators of man's doings see xi. 10, 1 Tim. v. 21.

12. **ἐργαζόμενοι]** He had done this at Corinth before (Acts xviii. 3) ; he was doing it at Ephesus when he wrote (Acts xx. 34).

13. **δυσφημούμενοι]** A rare word, and like γυμνιτεύομεν, ἀστατοῦμεν above and περικαθάρματα, περιψῆμα below, a ἄπαξ λεγόμενον in the N. T. Hence the change in many MSS. to the common word βλασφημούμενοι. It occurs however in 1 Macc. vii. 41.

περικαθάρματα] 'sweepings, offscourings.' This is the primary meaning

of the word. But the Apostle is carrying on the metaphor of *ἐπιθανάτιος* above. Both *περικαθάρματα* and *περίψημα* were used especially of those condemned criminals of the lowest classes who were sacrificed as expiatory offerings, as scapegoats in effect, because of their degraded life. It was the custom at Athens to reserve certain worthless persons who in case of plague, famine or other visitations from heaven, might be thrown into the sea, in the belief that they would cleanse away, or wipe off, the guilt of the nation. Hence they were called *κάθαρμα*. The word sometimes corresponds to *φαρμακοί*, those slaves who were sacrificed for the good of the state, as being too vile to live (see Hermann *Griech. Alterth. Gottesdienst.* § 60). Though the simple form is more common, *περικάθαρμα* occurs in Epictetus (iii. 22. 78) of Priam ὁ πεντήκοντα γέννησας *περικαθάρματα*, see also Prov. xxi. 18 *περικάθαρμα δικαίου ἄνομος*.

τοῦ κόσμου, πάντων] These genitives refer to the people both from whom and for whom the lives are sacrificed.

περίψημα] On this word see the note on Ign. *Eph.* 8. It is not uncommon in the writings of the sub-apostolic age (Ign. *Eph.* 8. 18, *Eph. Barn.* 4, 6).

15. *παιδαγωγὸν*] See the note on Gal. iii. 24.

17. *Ἐπεμψα]* Probably a little before the letter, as xvi. 10 seems to imply. The aorist however is not decisive, nor is the notice in Acts xix.

22. Timothy appears not to have reached Corinth. On his movements at this time and those of Titus see *Biblical Essays*, p. 273 sq. ‘The Mission of Titus to the Corinthians’ (especially p. 276 sq.).

21. *ἐν ράβδῳ*] The Hebraism is the more natural, as it is an O. T. phrase, 1 Sam. xvii. 43 σὺ ἔρχῃ ἐπ' ἐμὲ ἐν ράβδῳ, 2 Sam. vii. 14, xxiii. 21, Ps. ii. 9, lxxxviii. 32. The Apostle offers the alternative: shall he come as a father or as a *παιδαγωγός*?

CHAPTER V.

ii. THE CASE OF INCEST, v. i—vi. 20.

(a) *The incest denounced: the offender to be cast out of the Church*
(v. i—13).

i. We have come now to the main pivot of the letter, the leading motive of the Apostle in writing it. The Second Epistle likewise arises altogether out of this case and the way in which the Corinthians received St Paul's rebuke.

Who then was St Paul's informant? Possibly the household of Chloe (i. 11), but more probably Stephanas and his household mentioned in xvi. 15 sq. For we notice an evident anxiety to shield them from the displeasure of the Corinthians. Hence the suppression of the informants' names here. But this is pure conjecture.

The connexion of this chapter with what precedes is twofold: (1) the condemnation of their vanity, involving the contrast between the spiritual pride of the Corinthians and the state of their Church, comp. iv. 18, 19 with v. 2; and (2) the character of his intended visit, should it be made in love or not, comp. iv. 18, 19, 21 with v. 3.

ὅλως] 'altogether,' 'most assuredly': almost equivalent to πάντως, 'prorsus.' That ὅλως bears this sense in the N. T. appears from vi. 7, xv. 29, Matt. v. 34, the only passages where the word occurs. It is not a common meaning in itself, but is found in classical writers also, e.g. Plato *Philebus* 36 B ἀλγοῦνθ' ὅλως η̄ χαίροντα, Arist. *Trop. Θ.* I. p. 152 l. 24 ed. Bekker καν̄ ὅλως χρήσιμον η̄.

ἀκούεται] 'is reported,' i.e. is commonly known to exist: εν νόμῳ to be connected with ἀκούεται rather than with πορνείᾳ.

πορνείᾳ] The context enables us to form some idea of what the crime was. (1) It was a lasting, not a momentary relation. This is inferred, not, as some take it, from πράξας (ver. 2) or κατεργασάμενον (ver. 3), but from ἔχειν (ver. 1). It might have been concubinage or marriage. (2) The former husband and father was still living: see 2 Cor. vii. 12 τοῦ ἀδικηθέντος. (3) There had been a divorce or separation. The crime is called πορνείᾳ, not μοιχείᾳ. (4) As no censure is uttered on the woman

in either Epistle, it may be inferred that she was not a Christian. Thus she was one of 'those without,' whom God would judge (*v.* 13).

[ἢτις οὐδεί] On this ellipse see iv. 6 above. If a word had to be supplied, ἀκούεται would be preferable to ὄνομάζεται of the Textus Receptus ; but probably nothing so definite was intended. 'Ονομάζεται comes apparently from Eph. v. 4.

[θύεσιν] The heinousness of this form of sin among the Gentiles is well illustrated from Cicero *pro Caelentio* v. 14 'nubit genero socrus...o mulieris scelus incredibile, et praeter hanc unam...inauditum.' See other passages given in Wetstein *ad loc.* We may well ask how was this crime possible? It was probably due to the profligacy of the Corinthian Church, but it may be accounted for in another way. The Mosaic Law was very stringent on this point (Lev. xx. 11, Deut. xxii. 30). But some of the Rabbis had invented a subterfuge to escape its stringency. They allowed such a connexion in the case of a proselyte. He had, as it were, they said, undergone a new birth ; he had thus been taken out of his old relationships, and thus this intercourse was allowable (so Rabbi Akibah). It is quite possible that some subterfuge of this kind may have had its influence in excusing this crime to the man himself and to the Church.

2. ὑμεῖς πεφυσιωμένοι ἔστε] 'You vaunt your higher wisdom, you are proud of your spiritual gifts, you are puffed up ; while this plague-spot is eating like a canker at the vitals of the church.' The *ὑμεῖς* prepares us for the following ἐγώ μὲν (*ver.* 3).

[ἔπειθήσατε] 'ye ought rather to have put on mourning,' i.e. when it came to your ears. Observe the change of tenses. 'Ἐπειθήσατε is more than ἔλυπήθητε. It involves the idea of the outward exhibition of humiliation and grief, and is especially used of funerals : see Matt. ix. 15 and Gen. 1. 10 ἐποίησε τὸ πένθος τῷ πατρὶ αὐτοῦ. 'Ye should have clothed yourselves with sackcloth : ye should have humbled yourselves before God.'

[τὸ ἔργον τοῦτο πράξας] This is the reading, not ποιήσας, which is weaker and less technical ; comp. ἐν τῷ πράγματι I Thess. iv. 6 (with the note). *Πράξας* brings out the moral aspect of the deed. The whole expression is a sort of euphemism.

3. ἐγώ μὲν γάρ] 'for I for my part.' He contrasts his feelings with theirs.

[ἀπών] 'albeit absent,' i.e. 'notwithstanding my absence, while you on the spot condoned the offence.' The ὡς of the Textus Receptus is to be left out before ἀπών. It enfeebles the sense, and manuscript evidence is against it. For παρὼν δὲ τῷ πνεύματι comp. Col. ii. 5.

[ἢδη κέκρικα ὡς παρὼν] 'have already decided as though I were present.' The proper punctuation is to put a colon after παρὼν, and to take τὸν κατεργασάμενον as a prospective accusative, governed by παραδοῦναι and resumed in τὸν τοιοῦτον. For κέκρικα absolutely 'I am resolved,' a frequent use, see Pliny *Eph.* i. 12 'dixerat sane medico admonenti cibum

κέκρικα,' Epict. ii. 15 etc. The form of the sentence can be illustrated by Acts xv. 38 Παῦλος δὲ ἡξίου τὸν ἀποστάτα ἀπ' αὐτῶν ἀπὸ Παμφυλίας καὶ μὴ συνελθόντα αὐτοῖς εἰς τὸ ἔργον μὴ συνπαραλαμβάνειν τοῦτον, where we seem almost to hear the Apostle's own words.

οὕτως] The word aggravates the charge, 'under circumstances such as these.'

4. Of all the various possibilities enumerated by Meyer, the connexion of words suggested by the order appears most natural and best accords with the sense. By it ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι τοῦ Κ. 'I. is to be taken with συναχθέντων ὑμῶν, and σὺν τῇ δυνάμει τοῦ Κ. ὑμῶν 'I. with παραδοῦναι. Thus the inauguration of the proceedings, the gathering together, is in the name of the Lord, in accordance with Matt. xviii. 20; the action as the result is accompanied by His power. In the picture given, an imaginary court is formed and the Apostle's spirit is represented as presiding. That some such a tribunal was actually held and the offender condemned appears from 2 Cor. ii. 6, where we learn the result in 'the penalty inflicted by the majority.' The bearing of this passage on the question of direct apostolic supervision in the earliest stage of the Church's history is drawn out in *Philippians*, p. 198.

5. **παραδοῦναι τὸν τοιοῦτον]** 'that we (or ye) should deliver so rank an offender as this.' He is described in the same vague way in 2 Cor. ii. 6, 7. The Apostle forbears to give his name.

τῷ Σατανᾷ] We have just the same expression in 1 Tim. i. 20. Satan is here spoken of as the instrument of physical suffering, just as in 2 Cor. xii. 7 St Paul's own malady is described as ἄγγελος Σατανᾶ. This delivery to Satan is by virtue of the extraordinary power given to St Paul as an Apostle, and has its analogy in the cases of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts v. 1 sq.) and Elymas (Acts xiii. 8 sq.). He alludes to this power again in 2 Cor. xiii. 10. That physical suffering of some kind is implied, the purpose being remedial, appears from 2 Cor. ii. 6, 7, 1 Tim. i. 20, 2 Cor. xiii. 10 εἰς οἰκοδομὴν καὶ οὐκ εἰς καθάρισμα. Thus the instrumentality of Satan is used for a divine end. Of the two forms, Σατᾶν and Σατανᾶς, the first is the Hebrew word; the second, a Grecised form of the Aramaic, is alone employed by St Paul: see on 1 Thess. ii. 18.

εἰς ὅλεθρον τῆς σαρκός] Not merely a crushing of fleshly lusts, though this is involved in the expression; but physical suffering also.

6. **τὸ καύχημα ὑμῶν]** 'the subject of your boasting.' What St Paul means is this: 'there is nothing in you worth boasting about, as long as this plague-spot remains; all your intellectual insight is worth nothing, is no matter of self-congratulation.' For the contrast with καύχησις see the notes on Gal. vi. 4, Phil. i. 26.

μικρὰ ζύμη] On the application of this proverb see the note on Gal. v. 9, where it occurs again. That ζύμη here is not the sinner, but the sin or sinfulness, appears from ver. 8. Philo *de vict. off.* 6 (II. p. 256 ed. Mangey) takes leaven as the symbol of inflation, pride (*φυσηθεῖς ὑπ' ἀλαζονείας*).

This idea however is not present to St Paul's mind here. Though pride is condemned in the context, yet the leaven here represents not the pride but the profligacy of the Corinthian Church. Elsewhere (*de congr. erud. gr.* 28 I. p. 542) Philo explains the metaphor otherwise *τὸ μὴ οἰδεῖν καὶ ἀναζεῖν ταῖς ἐπιθυμίαις*, which, he says, constitutes *ἔορτὴ διανοίᾳ φιλάθλῳ*.

[*ζύμοι*] A various reading *δολοῖ* occurs both here and in Gal. v. 9, chiefly in western authorities. Hence Jerome (on Gal. l. c.) says 'male in nostris codicibus habetur modicum fermentum totam massam *corrumpit*.' The accusation of the Greeks against the Latins (see Mich. Cerul. in Tischendorf), that they read *φθείρει*, seems to be founded on a mistake. They retranslated 'corrupt,' which was really a rendering, not of *φθείρει*, but of *δολοῖ*. Tertullian (*de pudic.* 13, 18, *adv. Marc.* I. 2) has 'desipit.'

7. []*ἴκκαθάρατε*] A new turn is given to the metaphor, the mention of leaven suggesting the Paschal Feast. The reference is to the purging out the leaven on the eve of the Passover (Exod. xii. 15, xiii. 7). The word in Ex. xii. 15 (LXX.) *ἀφανιεῖτε ζύμην* is very strong, 'ye shall make it to vanish.' With what exactness this injunction was carried out appears from a passage in Chrysostom (p. 177 ed. Field *μνῶν ὅπας περιεργάζονται*, 'they even scrutinise mouse-holes to see that there is no leaven in them'), and is confirmed by statements quoted in Lightfoot *H. H.* I. p. 953 and Edersheim *Temple*, p. 188. The passage in Zeph. i. 12 was considered to authorise a search with candles on this occasion.

[*νέον*] On the distinction between *νέος* and *καυός* see the note on Col. iii. 10, and for the contrast between the old and the new, comp. also 2 Cor. v. 17, Eph. iv. 22 sq.

[*καθώς ἔστε ἄζυμοι*] 'even as ye are unleavened,' i.e. 'by the very terms of your Christian profession'; in other words, 'that ye may fulfil the idea of your being,—may be, as ye profess to be, *κανή κτίσις*.'

Vain attempts have been made to give *ἄζυμοι* the sense of 'eating unleavened bread.' These destroy the point of the image. There is a double application of the metaphor here. The Corinthians are (1) the *φύραμα* itself, the lump which is leavened (*vv. 6, 7*), (2) then they become the keepers of the festival (*vv. 7, 8*), and the Apostle characteristically passes from the one to the other. Examples of these sudden inversions of metaphors have already been given in the note on 1 Thess. ii. 7. So here the Apostle has turned the metaphor about to find some new lesson which he could draw from it.

[*καὶ γάρ*] 'for besides.' Here another analogy is introduced. Not only is there a Christian putting away of the leaven, but also a Christian paschal sacrifice. The passage gains much by the omission (with the best authorities) of the words *ὑπὲρ νῦν*, which blunt the point of the Apostle's reference. All we want here is the fact of the sacrifice.

[*τὸ πάσχα*] 'the paschal lamb': as frequently in the Gospels, Matt. xxvi.

17 φαγεῖν τὸ πάσχα, Mark xiv. 12 τὸ πάσχα ἔθνον...ἴνα φάγης τὸ πάσχα, comp. ver. 14, Luke xxii. 7, 11, 15.

έρθη] ‘was sacrificed’ on the Cross. The A. V. loses the point by translating as a present or perfect. The reference is not to the passover as a type of Christ’s sacrifice, but rather to this sacrifice under the figure of the Paschal Feast. It is not the old as signifying the new, but the Paschal Lamb of the new dispensation.

Χριστὸς] ‘even Christ.’

8. *έορτάζωμεν* ‘let us keep perpetual feast.’ Chrysostom grasps the point when he says (p. 175) έօρτῆς ἄρα ὁ παρὼν καιρός...δεικνὺς ὅτι πᾶς ὁ χρόνος έօρτῆς ἔστι καιρὸς τοῖς Χριστιανοῖς διὰ τὴν ὑπερβολὴν τῶν δοθέντων ἀγαθῶν. There is some resemblance to St Paul’s language here in Philo *de sacrific. Abel. et Cain.* 33 (I. p. 184 sq.) τὸ τοίνυν φύραμα...ἡμεῖς ἐσμεν αὐτοὶ...μόνος δὲ έօρτάζει τὴν τοιαύτην έօρτην ὁ σοφὸς κ.τ.λ., but he is not speaking of the passover.

κακίας καὶ πονηρίας ‘malice and villainy.’ *Κακία* is the vicious disposition, *πονηρία* the active exercise of it. The words occur together in Rom. i. 29. See Trench *N. T. Syn.* § xi. p. 37 sq. and the note on Col. iii. 8 *κακίαν*.

ἀληθείας] In the widest sense of the word: comp. John iii. 21 ὁ ποιῶν τὴν ἀλήθειαν. This exercise of truth extends throughout all the domain of moral life: see Eph. iv. 15 ἀληθεύοντες ἐν ἀγάπῃ ‘holding the truth’ i.e. speaking and doing the truth. We have parallel applications of the metaphor in the sub-Apostolic age: Ign. *Magn.* 10 (where it applies to the leaven of Judaism) ὑπέρθεσθε οὖν τὴν κακὴν ζύμην τὴν παλαιωθεῖσαν, καὶ ἐνοξίσασαν, καὶ μεταβάλεσθε εἰς νέαν ζύμην ὡς ἔστιν Ἰησοῦς Χριστός, Just. *Mart. Dial.* 14 p. 114 τοῦτο γάρ ἔστι τὸ σύμβολον τῶν ἀξύμων, ἵνα μὴ τὰ παλαιὰ τῆς κακῆς ζύμης ἔργα πράττητε κ.τ.λ., Clem. *Hom.* viii. 17 ὁ Θεὸς αὐτοὺς ὥσπερ κακὴν ζύμην ἔξελειν ἐβούλετο. For *εἰλικρινίας* see on Phil. i. 10 εἰλικρινεῖς.

It has been suggested with great probability that we have in this verse a hint of the season of the year when the Epistle was written. This was, we know, towards the end of the Apostle’s stay at Ephesus, which place he hoped to leave about Pentecost (1 Cor. xvi. 8). It is thus probable that the Jewish Paschal Feast was actually impending. The natural way, however, in which the mention of the Passover arises here out of the proverb just quoted, deprives this suggestion of much of its force. Similarly a passage in the Second Epistle may have been suggested by the Feast of Tabernacles. The reference in 2 Cor. v. 1 sq. seems to be a comparison between the removal into their permanent dwellings after the destruction of the temporary booths, and our removal to a ‘house not made with hands’ after the destruction of ‘our earthly house of the tabernacle.’ If we follow the narrative in the Acts, we see that the Second Epistle would probably have been written about the time of the Feast of Tabernacles.

9. ἔγραψα κ.τ.λ.] 'I wrote unto you in my letter.' The Apostle is reminded here of general instructions which he had sent them in a former communication, and in the spirit of which he asks them now to act. The expression imperatively demands the hypothesis of a previous letter. This necessity does not lie in the word ἔγραψα, which might stand equally in the beginning or middle of a letter as at the end: see the note on Gal. vi. 11 πηλίκοις ὑμῖν γράμμασιν ἔγραψα, where the question of the epistolary aorist is gone into and instances given, Philemon 19, 21 ἔγραψα, Col. iv. 8 ἔπειρψα with the notes, and *Biblical Essays*, p. 275 (note 1). In the *Martyrdom of Polycarp* for example immediately after the salutation occurs (§ 1) an epistolary aorist ἔγράψαμεν ὑμῖν, ἀδελφοί, τὰ κατὰ τὸν μαρτυρίσαντας καὶ τὸν μακάριον Πολύκαρπον κ.τ.λ., giving the purport of the letter of which it is the opening sentence. But the theory of a previous letter is rendered necessary by the words ἐν τῇ ἐπιστολῇ, which are quite meaningless if applied to our extant Epistle. It is true that ἡ ἐπιστολή is a phrase used sometimes of the letter itself in which it occurs (Rom. xvi. 22, 1 Thess. v. 27, Col. iv. 16, and probably 2 Thess. iii. 14, see the notes on the last three passages); but in all these cases the expression occurs in a postscript, when the Epistle is considered as already at an end. These instances therefore are not to the point, and the same can be said of *Martyrdom of Polycarp* § 20 τὴν ἐπιστολὴν διαπέμψασθε, where the document is regarded as concluded. But we have no example of the phrase occurring in the middle of a letter as here. Nor is the case met by the theory propounded by Stanley of a postscript note consisting of 1 Cor. v. 9—13 subsequently incorporated in the middle of the Epistle. For apart from the awkwardness of this hypothesis, the whole passage hangs together in close connexion of thought: ver. 9 μὴ συναναμίγνυσθαι πόρνους arising naturally out of the mention of the leaven in vv. 6—8, and vi. 1 κρίνεσθαι being directly suggested by the κρίνειν, κρίνετε of vv. 12, 13. These links would not exist, if that theory were true. The hypothesis of a previous letter is as old as the first Latin commentator Ambrosiaster, and is accepted by Calvin, Beza, Estius, Grotius, Bengel, Meyer and many others. It is likewise borne out by other expressions of St Paul to the Corinthians, viz. 2 Cor. vii. 8 εἰ καὶ ἐλύπησα ὑμᾶς ἐν τῇ ἐπιστολῇ, where the words cannot refer to the letter which he was inditing, but require a previous communication; and especially 2 Cor. x. 10, 11, where the acknowledgement of the Corinthians that his 'letters are weighty and powerful' together with his own reply 'Such as we are by letters when absent etc.' cannot be explained quite satisfactorily by the single extant Epistle written before this date. See the whole question of lost letters of St Paul treated in *Philippians*, p. 138 sq. There are extant two letters, one purporting to be from St Paul to the Corinthians, the other from the Corinthians to St Paul, both obviously spurious, but held as canonical by the Armenian Church (see Stanley *Corinthians*, p. 591 sq. and my note on vii. 1 below).

10. οὐ πάντως] ‘assuredly I did not mean.’ The πάντως qualifies the οὐ, not the οὐ the πάντως. This is at least an allowable meaning (probably the general meaning) in classical Greek, see Cope’s Appendix to *Gorgias*, p. 139 sq., who however shows that οὐ πάντι (we may extend the term to οὐ πάντως) need not necessarily mean ‘not at all’; and it becomes still more prominent in Biblical Greek as coinciding with a common Hebraism (Mark xiii. 20, Acts x. 14, 1 Joh. ii. 21, Apoc. vii. 16 etc., and 1 Cor. i. 21 above). Compare Clem. *Hom.* xix. 9 καὶ ὁ Πέτρος, Οὐ πάντως ὥρμεν γὰρ πολλοὺς τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἀγαθοὺς ὄντας, *Ephist. ad Diogn.* 9 οὐ πάντως ἐφῆδόμενος τοῖς ἀμαρτίμασιν ἡμῶν ἀλλ’ ἀνεχόμενος, where it would be impossible to give the sentence the meaning that God was ‘not altogether pleased’ with sin. Taken by itself the passage before us is not decisive, and might imply ‘it was not altogether my meaning’; but with the examples cited it is better to render it, as above, in the sense ‘it was altogether not, assuredly not, my meaning’: compare Rom. iii. 9.

ἡ τοῖς πλεονέκταις καὶ ἄρπαξιν ἡ εἰδωλολάτραις] Καὶ is the right reading. On the false interpretation of πλεονέκταις here to denote sins of sensuality see the note on Col. iii. 5. The καὶ connects πλεονέκταις with ἄρπαξιν, which together form one notion; εἰδωλολάτραις introduces another, though a kindred, idea, see Col. i. c. and Eph. v. 5.

εἰδωλολάτραις] Here again Stanley without sufficient reason attempts to put into this word a reference to sins of sensuality. The fact is there was a strong temptation for Christians living among heathen to play fast and loose with idolatrous rites. These rites might be licentious or not, but this further idea is not conveyed by the word itself. We have a prospective reference here to the discussion which is introduced subsequently (ch. viii.) upon εἰδωλόθυτα (see esp. x. 21 τραπέζης δαυμονίων). That this danger of idolatry even in the Christian Church was not an imaginary one appears from the warning given in 1 Joh. v. 21 τεκνία, φυλάξατε ἑαυτὰ ἀπὸ τῶν εἰδώλων.

The word εἴδωλον has a curious history. It originally means ‘a phantom, shadow,’ and so ‘unreality’ as opposed to genuine truth. This is the sense in which Bacon uses the word ‘idols’ in his *Novum Organum*, implying idle phantoms which lead men astray. It was then happily applied in the LXX. to false gods, as a translation, among other words, of the Hebrew לִילָא, ‘nothingness.’ In the next stage, the word was applied to anything used as a representation of these false gods, and thus had attached to it an idea the very reverse of its original meaning, viz. a tangible, material god as opposed to the Invisible God. The passage before us marks the first appearance of the compound εἰδωλολάτρης.

ἔπει ἀφείλετε ἄρα] The imperfect is the correct reading both from a vast preponderance of textual authorities and from the sense. ‘Ye ought to have done something, which has not been done,’ is the meaning of the imperfect, ‘ye ought to do something,’ of the present. The ἄρα declares the ἔπει to be conditional. ‘Since in that case it would have

been your duty, which it is not, to leave the world wholly.' See vii. 14 below, and comp. xv. 15 *εἰπερ ἄρα*.

11. *νῦν δέ*] is ethical not temporal, 'as matters stand,' 'the world being what it is.' Comp. Rom. iii. 21, and esp. 1 Cor. vii. 14 *ἐπεὶ ἄρα...νῦν δὲ*, Heb. ix. 26 *ἐπεὶ οὐδετε...νῦν δὲ ἀπαξ*. The misinterpretation of *ἔγραψα* (ver. 9) has been partly aided by taking *νῦν* in its primary temporal sense.

ἀδελφὸς ὀνομαζόμενος] 'called a brother,' but not really deserving the name : comp. Rom. ii. 17 *'Ιουδαῖος ἐπονομάζηται*'

λοιδόρος] Here again Stanley (on vi. 10) sees a reference to sins of sensuality ; but there is no indication of any such connexion in the N. T., see esp. 1 Pet. iii. 9.

μέθυσος] This is an instance of the not unfrequent phenomenon of a word used first in a comic sense, which in later times becomes part of the common stock of language, having lost its original ludicrous character. This is what is meant by grammarians who say that in Attic the word is never applied to men but to women. Pollux vi. 25 *ἡ δὲ γυνὴ μεθύση καὶ μεθύστρια παρὰ Θεοπόμπῳ τῷ κωμικῷ*. ὁ γὰρ μέθυσος ἐπὶ ἀνθρώπων Μενάνθρωπος δεδόσθω, which we may illustrate from Meineke *Comm. Fragm.*, Menander IV. p. 88 *πάντας μεθύσους τοὺς ἐμπόρους ποιεῖ*, quoted originally in Athen. x. p. 442 D. Thus it was originally 'tipsy,' rather than 'a drunkard'—Lucian *Timon* 55 *μέθυσος καὶ πάροντος οὐκ ἄχρις φόδης καὶ ὥρχηστος μόνον ἀλλὰ καὶ λοιδορίας καὶ ὄργῆς*. Other examples of words casting off all mean associations in the later language are *ψωμίζειν* (1 Cor. xiii. 3) and *χορτάζειν* (Phil. iv. 12) : see also other instances in Lobeck *Phryn.* p. 151 sq. The elevation of *ταπεινοφροσύνη* under Christian influence is noticed in the note on Phil. ii. 3.

12. *τοὺς ἔξω*] 'those outside the pale' of the Church : see on Col. iv. 5.

οὐχὶ κ.τ.λ.] Two points in the punctuation of this passage require a notice. (1) Is *οὐχὶ* to be taken separately 'nay, not so,' in which case *κρίνετε* would become an imperative? No ; for (a) wherever *οὐχὶ* is so taken in the N. T., it is always followed by *ἀλλά* (Luke xii. 51, xiii. 3, 5, xvi. 30, Rom. iii. 27) : (b) the sentence is not a direct answer to *τί γάρ μοι κ.τ.λ.* *Οὐχὶ* therefore is best taken with *τοὺς ἔσω*. (2) Is *κρινεῖ* to be read or *κρίνει*? The present tense is probably right, (a) because more suited to the context, preserving the parallelism better ; (b) because more emphatic and more in accordance with usage, comp. vi. 2 *κρίνεται*, Rom. ii. 16, John viii. 50 ὁ *ζητῶν καὶ κρίνων*.

13. *ἴξαρατε κ.τ.λ.*] An adaptation of the command given Deut. xvii. 7 *καὶ ἔξαρεῖτε τὸν πονηρὸν ἐξ ὑμῶν αὐτῶν*, and repeated elsewhere (with variations *ἴξαρεῖς*, *τὸ πονηρὸν*) of sins akin to this (Deut. xxii. 21 sq.). On *ἴξ* *ὑμῶν αὐτῶν* Bengel remarks 'antitheton *externos*'

CHAPTER VI.

(b) *The Corinthian brethren apply to heathen courts to decide their disputes* (vi. 1—9).

1. The close of the last paragraph suggests a wholly different subject. The Apostle had incidentally spoken of the right and wrong tribunals for judging offences against purity. Hence he passes to the question of litigation in heathen courts.

Τολμᾶ τις ὑμῶν πρᾶγμα ἔχων] ‘Tolmā grandi verbo notatur laesa majestas Christianorum’ says Bengel. *Πρᾶγμα* is the proper technical term for a lawsuit: for its forensic sense see the references in Meyer, and compare the technical sense of ‘negotium’ and ‘res.’

κρίνεσθαι] ‘to go to law,’ as in Matt. v. 40 τῷ θέλοντι σου κριθῆναι. The propriety of the forensic terms used here by St Paul is noteworthy: it is otherwise in Gal. iv. 1 sq., where see the notes.

τῶν ἀδίκων, τῶν ἀγίων] The word *ἀδικοι* is borrowed from Jewish phraseology, just as *δίκαιος* was a faithful Israelite. It is chosen here rather than any other word, (1) because it enhances the incongruity of the whole action of seeking justice at the hands of the unjust: (2) because of the alliteration: see the note on Phil. ii. 2. On the rabbinical prohibition, which was based on Ex. xxi. 1, see Meyer, p. 163.

2. τὸν κέστρον κρινοῦστιν] A reminiscence of Wisdom iii. 7, 8 ἐν καιρῷ ἐπισκοπῆς αὐτῶν ἀναλάμψουσιν...κρινοῦσιν ἔθνη καὶ κρατήσουσιν λαῶν, of the souls of the righteous, which is decisive in favour of the future here: compare for the idea Daniel vii. 22 τὸ κρίμα ἔδωκεν ἀγίοις ὑψίστουν. This office the saints will hold by virtue of their perfected *ἐπίγνωσις*, their completed communion with the judgments of the Great Judge. This is a necessary part of the ultimate triumph of good over evil. Just as the faithful shall reign with Christ as kings (2 Tim. ii. 12, Rev. xxii. 5), so shall they sit with Him as judges of the world. The thought is an extension of the promise made to the Apostles (Matt. xix. 28, Luke xxii. 30): comp. Rev. xx. 4.

ἴν οὖτιν] ‘before you, among you,’ ‘in consessu vestro.’ This is a common use of *ἴν* when speaking of tribunals: see Aristides *de Socrat.* I.

p. 128 ἐν ήμιν πρώτοις ὁ Φιλιππος ἐκρίνετο, Thuc. i. 53. Ι ἐν δικαισταῖς, and other references given in Wetstein and Meyer.

[*κρίνεται*.] The present tense denotes the certainty of the event. With Him is no before and no after : see the note on 1 Thess. v. 2 ἔρχεται.

[ἀνύξιος ἔστε κ.τ.λ.] i.e. unworthy to sit in the most trivial tribunals.

[*κριτήριων*.] The word *κριτήριον* is said by grammarians to have two meanings, (1) 'a tribunal, court of judicature' (so in the LXX. Dan. vii. 10, Judg. v. 10), (2) 'a trial'; but no passage quoted appears to demand this latter sense. Such instances as Lucian *in accus.* 25 οὐδὲν ἡγεῖται *κριτήριον* ἀληθὲς εἴναι can readily bear the meaning of a 'court of justice.' St Paul's injunction here is echoed in *Apost. Const.* ii. 45 μὴ ἔρχεσθω ἐπὶ *κριτήριον* ἔθυκόν.

3. *μήτιγε*] An elliptical sentence, 'let me not say,' and so, 'much more.' See the references collected in Winer § lxiv. p. 746 and Wetstein *ad loc.* It is frequent in the classics : e.g. Demosthenes *Olynth.* B. p. 24 οὐδὲ τοῖς φίλοις ἐπιτάπτειν ὑπὲρ αὐτοῦ τι ποιεῖν, *μήτιγε* δὴ τοῖς θεοῖς.

[*βιωτικά*] 'things of this life.' The word occurs also in Luke xxi. 34 μερίμναις βιωτικαῖς, comp. Clem. Hom. i. 8 βιωτικὰ πράγματα, Marc. Anton. vi. 2 τῶν βιωτικῶν πράξεων. There is an important difference between *βίος* and *ζωή*. *Ζωή* signifies the principle of life, *βίος* the circumstances and accidents of life ; thus *ζωή* is *vita qua vivimus*, *βίος* *vita quam vivimus*. With Aristotle *βίος* is the more important word of the two. He calls it *λογική ζωή* : hence it follows that his conception of life was a low one. But when we come to the N. T., the principle of life is no longer physical but spiritual : accordingly *ζωή* is exalted, while *βίος* remains at its former level. In the N. T. *ζωή* is commonly, but not universally, used of the higher spiritual life, *βίος* is always employed of the lower earthly life, e.g. Luke viii. 14 τῶν ἡδονῶν τοῦ *βίου*, 2 Tim. ii. 4 τοῖς τοῦ *βίου* πραγματίαις, 1 Joh. ii. 16 ή ἀλαζονία τοῦ *βίου*, that is to say of the external concomitants of life. Thus *βίος* expresses the means of subsistence (Luke xv. 12, 30, xxi. 4, and 1 Joh. iii. 17, where it is contrasted with the *ζωή* of two verses earlier). For the contrast of the two words compare Origen c. Cels. iii. 16 περὶ τῆς ἔξης τῷ βίῳ τούτῳ ζωῆς προφητεύσαντος, Clem. Hom. xii. 14 τοῦ ζῆν τὸν *βίον* μεταλλάξαι. See also the note on Ign. Rom. 7.

4. *τοὺς ἔξουθενμένους*] Several modern commentators take the sentence as though *καθίστε* were an indicative interrogative, and *τοὺς ἔξουθενμένους* ἐν τῇ ἐκ. equivalent to 'the heathen.' But apart from the awkwardness of the interrogative coming at the end of so long a sentence, this rendering is open to two serious objections : (1) the force of *μὲν οὖν* 'nay rather' is obscured, and equally so if we take *μὲν* merely to correspond to an unexpressed *δέ*, (2) *τοὺς ἔξουθενμένους* is a strong phrase to apply to the heathen without any further explanation. It appears best to render as the E. V., and to consider the clause to mean 'those possessed of high spiritual gifts are better employed on higher matters than on settling petty wrongs among you, and thus serving tables.' Compare

Origen c. *Cels.* iii. 29 *ad fin.* τίς γὰρ οὐκ ἀν ὄμολογόσαι καὶ τοῖς χείρους τῶν ἀπὸ τῆς ἐκκλησίας καὶ συγκρίσει βελτιόνων ἀλάττους πολλῷ πρείττους τυγχάνει τῶν ἐν τοῖς δήμοις ἐκκλησιῶν; and the Jewish dictum (*Sanhedr.* fo. 32 a) ‘omnes idonei sunt ut judicent lites pecuniarias.’

5. οὕτως] ‘has it come to this that,’ ‘is it to such a degree true that?’ The rendering of Meyer and others ‘things being so’ is less forcible.

ἴνι] ‘is found,’ stronger than ἔστι: see on Gal. iii. 28. Οὐδέτες σοφὸς ὁς, i.e. ‘no one with sufficient wisdom to.’

ἀνὰ μέσον τοῦ ἀδελφοῦ αὐτοῦ] ‘to decide between his brothers.’ The sentence is much abridged: ordinary Hebraic usage would require at least the insertion of ἀδελφοῦ καὶ after ἀνὰ μέσον. The word τοῦ ἀδελφοῦ αὐτοῦ conveys a reproach: ‘must his brothers go before strangers?’ This reproach is driven home in the next verse: ‘not only this, but brother goes to law with brother.’ Thus the very idea of brotherhood is outraged and a scandal caused in the sight of unbelievers.

7. ἥδη] ‘to begin with,’ i.e. prior to the ulterior question of the fitness of Gentile courts. See Kühner II. p. 675, and comp. Xen. *Cyr.* iv. 1. 2 ἔγω μὲν ἔνταντας υἱᾶς ἥδη ἔπαινο.

μὲν] to be separated from οὖν. It suggests a suppressed clause with δέ, which would have run somewhat in this vein, ‘but ye aggravate matters by going before the heathen.’

ὅλως] ‘altogether,’ i.e. ‘before whomsoever they are tried’; or perhaps ‘under any circumstances,’ i.e. ‘whatever the decision may be.’

ἥττημα υἱὸν ἔστιν] ‘it is a loss to you, a defeat.’ ‘You trust to overreach, to gain a victory: it is really a loss, a defeat, before the trial even comes on.’ In Is. xxxi. 8 the word ᥫττημα is equivalent to ‘clades’: in Rom. xi. 12 it is opposed to πλούτος: thus the two ideas given above can be predicted of it.

μεθ' ἑαυτῶν] ‘with yourselves.’ The Apostle does not say μετ’ ἀλλήλων, for though the pronouns are often interchanged, the reciprocal ἑαυτῶν differs from the reciprocal ἀλλήλων in emphasizing the idea of corporate unity. See the passage from Xen. *Mem.* (iii. 5. 16) quoted on Col. iii. 13. ‘Ἀλλήλων here would bring out the idea of diversity of interest, ἑαυτῶν emphasizes that of identity of interest: ‘you are tearing yourselves to pieces.’

8. ὑμεῖς] Emphatic: ‘you, Christians though you are.’

9. Θεοὺς βασιλεαῖ] The order, though unusual, is right here and adds to the force of the passage. ‘God is essentially just: unjust men may inherit the kingdom of this world, but God’s kingdom they cannot inherit.’ A similar transposition for the sake of emphasis occurs in Gal. ii. 6 πρόσωπον Θεὸς ἀνθρώπου οὐ λαμβάνει.

Their spirit, whether of sensuality or strife, is inconsistent with heirship in the kingdom of heaven (vi. 10, 11).

11. **ἀλλὰ ἀπελθυσασθε]** ‘but ye washed yourselves’: a reference to baptism. They were voluntary, conscious, agents : comp. Acts xxii. 16 *δναστὰς βάπτισαι καὶ ἀπόλουσαι τὰς ἀμαρτίας σου*, where St Paul is narrating the circumstances of his own conversion.

ἅγιασθητε] ‘ye were consecrated.’ The word is not to be taken in the technical theological sense of sanctification ; but in that of e.g. 1 Cor. vii. 14 *ἅγιασται γὰρ ὁ ἀνὴρ ὁ ἀπιστος ἐν τῇ γυναικί*, comp. i. 2. This appears from the order of the words.

θικατωθητε] ‘ye were justified,’ i.e. by incorporation into Christ. The verb is used in Rom. vi. 7 also in connexion with the initial entrance into the Church by baptism. We have put ourselves in a new position : we are justified not simply by imputation, but in virtue of our incorporation into Christ.

ἐν τῷ δύναματι, ἐν τῷ πνεύματι] There is a reference here to the external and to the internal essentials of baptism. Comp. Acts x. 48, xix. 5, 1 Cor. i. 13.

(c) *The distinction between license and liberty applied to sins of the flesh (vi. 12—20).*

12. The new subject arises out of the preceding. Certain members of the Corinthian Church defend their moral profligacy on the ground of Christian liberty. Such a contention seems to us extraordinary ; but the glaring immorality of Corinth, where sensuality was elevated into a *cultus*, may partly account for it. It was thus difficult for converts to realize their true position, and they ran into the danger of extending the Pauline doctrine of *ἀδιάφορα* so as to cover these vital questions. The case of incest mentioned above obviously did not stand by itself (see 2 Cor. xii. 21) : the sin of sensuality was the scourge of the Corinthian Church. In his reply the Apostle opposes the true principle of liberty to the false, the Christian to the heathen.

πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν] This is the principle pleaded by his opponents. The Apostle admits the principle, but qualifies it by the words *ἀλλ’ οὐ πάντα συμφέρει*. The opponents then return to the charge ; and again the Apostle replies *ἀλλ’ οὐκ ἔγώ κ.τ.λ.* This *ἔγώ* points to a different person as being supposed to assert the principle. St Paul has an imaginary opponent before him. Not that St Paul denies the principle *πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν* : he himself asserts it quite as strongly. But the *πάντα*, he says, are *πάντα ἀδιάφορα*, and he disputes the application to sins of the flesh by examining this qualifying word.

What then are *ἀδιάφορα*? Two principles, he contends, are to be observed with regard to them : (1) scandal to others is to be avoided, (2) self-discipline is to be maintained. These are the main, though not the

sole, considerations in the two replies; (1) οὐ πάντα συμφέρει, i.e. expedient especially with regard to their effect on others, (2) οὐκ ἔξουσιασθήσομαι ὑπό τυντος, i.e. I shall not allow myself to be tyrannised over by any habit. This second idea therefore is the effect produced on one's own moral character by the weakening of self-discipline. In x. 23 the same maxim is urged in the same form: but there both συμφέρει and οἰκοδομεῖ refer to the effect produced on others, as the context seems to show (he is speaking of εἰδωλόθυτα); here the words are chosen so as to balance one aspect of the question with the other. Similarly, when the case of εἰδωλόθυτα is discussed at length (viii. 1—13), neither side is neglected: (1) οὐ συμφέρει (viii. 9—13), (2) οὐκ ἔξουσιασθήσομαι (viii. 1—8).

ἔξουσιασθήσομαι] The active ἔξουσιάζω occurs in Luke xxii. 25 with a genitive, the active in LXX. (Neh. ix. 37, Eccles. ix. 17, x. 4). The present however is the only place where the passive appears, and in fact the use must be regarded as a slight straining of the Greek language. As a general rule we only find the passive of verbs which in the active take an accusative after them; but this rule has numerous exceptions in later Greek: e.g. διακονεῖσθαι (Matt. xx. 28), δογματίζεσθαι (Col. ii. 20). The subtle paronomasia of ἔξεστι, ἔξουσιασθήσομαι should be noticed: 'All are within my power; but I will not put myself under the power of any one of all things.'

13. These half-converted Gentiles mixed up questions which were wholly different in kind, and classed them in the same category; viz. meats and drinks on the one hand, and sins of sensuality on the other. We have traces of this gross moral confusion in the circumstances which dictated the Apostolic Letter (Acts xv. 23—29), where things wholly diverse are combined, as directions about meats to be avoided and a prohibition of fornication. It was not that the Apostle regarded these as the same in kind, but that the Gentiles, for whom the rules were framed, did so. St Paul here carefully separates the two classes. The cases are quite different, he says. *First*, as regards meats, there is a mutual adaptation, βρώματα and κοιλία, each made for the other and both alike perishable. *Secondly*, as regards fornication, we have on the contrary, the body not made for fornication but for the Lord: the body, again, not perishable but with an existence after death.

βρώματα] This may have here a threefold application. (1) To εἰδωλόθυτα (chs. viii. ix.). (2) To the Mosaic distinction of meats. These had been abrogated for the Christian and he enjoyed liberty. (3) To certain ascetic prohibitions which appeared early in the Church, such as drinking no wine and eating no flesh (Col. ii. 16, 21 with the notes and *Colossians*, pp. 86 sq., 104 sq.). We have other traces of the same ascetic tendency at this time in Rom. xiv. 2 λάχανα ἐσθίει, and in ver. 21 of that chapter the Apostle deals with it on the principle laid down in this Epistle. Which thought then was uppermost in St Paul's mind here? The large space which the εἰδωλόθυτα occupy in

the latter part of the Epistle points more especially to these, and the repetition of the same maxim (x. 23) in connexion with meats sacrificed to idols confirms this view. But there is no reason to suppose that he is alluding to them solely. There was certainly an appreciable section of Judaizers in the Corinthian Church, and possibly there were ascetic Essene tendencies also. To all these alike the maxim would apply.

καὶ ταῦτην καὶ ταῦτα] The same argument is used in Col. ii. 20—22.

τὸ δὲ σῶμα κ.τ.λ.] The case, argues the Apostle, is different here. It is the body and the Lord which stand to each other in the same relation as the *βρώματα* and *κοιλία*. They are each for the other.

The argument depends upon the Christian doctrine of the resurrection of the body, and would be discussed more appropriately in connexion with ch. xv. Two remarks will suffice here. *First*, the idea of the resurrection of the body is in reality not a philosophical difficulty but a philosophical necessity to us. As far as we know of man, the union of the soul of man with an external framework is essential. We cannot conceive of man as not working through some such instrument. Hence the Christian doctrine commends itself to true philosophy. But, *secondly*, we must not suppose that the resurrection-body is like our present body. St Paul guards against this confusion (1 Cor. xv. 35 sq.); but it does add to the difficulty of most people that they cannot dissociate the idea of a body from the idea of flesh and blood. The resurrection-body need not have any particle the same as the present body. All we can say about it is that it must be a body which, if not imperishable, is at all events capable of constant renewal. Of its form, structure, size etc. we cannot form any conception. But we may affirm that it must be an external instrument through which the man acts, an instrument which has its position in space. Many of our difficulties arise from forgetting that St Paul carefully guards against any supposition that it resembles our material body. The *κοιλία*, with its eating and drinking, with its gratification of the senses, is perishable : the *σῶμα* will live on always.

The moral import of this doctrine of the resurrection of the body is sufficiently obvious. It was the fashion of the Platonists and Stoics to speak contemptuously of the body, but in Christian theology the body is glorified because destined to be conformed to Christ's glorified body (Phil. iii. 21). This moral aspect has had great influence in banishing such sins as the Apostle is contemplating here.

It is noticeable that these three verses (12—14) contain the germ of very much which follows in the Epistle : (1) the great principle which is to guide the Christian conduct, (2) the question of *εἰδωλόθυτα* involved in *βρώματα*, (3) the conflict with sensual indulgences, (4) the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead.

τῷ Κυρίῳ] The Apostle does not argue this point. It is an axiom

which has its roots in the Christian consciousness. It is involved in the very profession of a Christian.

14. *καὶ τὸν Κύριον...καὶ ἡμᾶς*] corresponding to the *καὶ ταῦτην καὶ ταῦτα* of the preceding verse. ‘*Ημᾶς* ‘and therefore our bodies,’ for the body is a part of the man.

ἔξεγερεῖ] The manuscripts present some interesting variants: (1) *ἔξεγερει* NCD⁸EKL f vulg. (but see below), Pesh. Harcl. Memph. Arm. AEth., Iren. (transl.), Tert. Archel. Method. Athan. etc., (2) *ἔξεγερίει* AD*PQ 37, 93 (but P 37, 93 *ἔξεγερει*) d e suscit. (3) *ἔξηγερεν* B 67 am. fuld. harl. suscitavit (but the confusion with suscitabit was easy). The choice must lie between the aorist and the future. If we prefer the former, we may compare Eph. ii. 6, Col. ii. 12, 13. This idea however, though strictly Pauline, is not the idea wanted here: for it is not the past resurrection of the spirit, but the future resurrection of the body, on which the argument turns, in accordance with other passages (as ch. xv. throughout, 2 Cor. iv. 14, Rom. viii. 11, 1 Thess. iv. 14). Still *ἔξηγερεν* is not impossible in this connexion. The past spiritual resurrection might be regarded here as elsewhere, e.g. Rom. vi. 5, viii. 11, as an earnest and an initiation of the future bodily resurrection. But on the whole *ἔξεγερεῖ* is the more likely reading and has the best documentary support.

αὐτῷ] The pronoun probably refers to Christ: comp. 1 Thess. iv. 14 δὰ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ (in 2 Cor. iv. 14 the right reading is σὺν Ἰησοῦ). We have both δύναμις Θεοῦ frequently, and δύναμις Χριστοῦ (e.g. 2 Cor. xii. 9). The use of δὰ here rather points to the mediation of Christ in our resurrection, but it cannot be considered as in any way decisive.

15. *μέλη Χριστοῦ*] The earliest application of this metaphor which plays so important a part in this and later Epistles.

ἄπας] Not as the A. V. ‘take’ (which would be *λαβάν*), but ‘*take away*.’ It is robbing Christ of what is His own. *Αἴρειν* ‘tollere’ is (1) either ‘to take up,’ e.g. Mark ii. 9 ἀρον τὸν κράβαττόν σου, Luke ix. 23 ἀράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ, John xi. 40 ἤραν οὖν τὸν λίθον: or (2) ‘to take away,’ e.g. Luke vi. 29 αἴροντός σου τὸ ἴματιν, xi. 52 ἤρατε τὴν κλεῖδα τῆς γυάστεως; but never simply ‘to take.’

μὴ γένοιτο] On this expression see Gal. ii. 17, vi. 14. Like *οὐκ οἴδατε* (of this and the following verse) it is confined to this chronological group of St Paul’s Epistles, where it occurs thirteen times; but it is found also in Luke xx. 16.

16. *τῇ πόρνῃ*] The article marks the fact that she is considered no longer as an individual, but as the representative of a class. Compare John x. 12 ὁ μισθωτός, 1 Tim. iii. 2, Tit. i. 7 ὁ ἐπίσκοπος etc.

ἰσονται γὰρ κ.τ.λ.] Taken from Gen. ii. 24. Several points require notice here. (1) As to the text. St Paul follows the LXX., for the Hebrew text has not the words *οἱ δύο* nor have the older Targums. The additional phrase however appears, not only in the LXX., but also in the Samaritan

Pentateuch, the Targum of Jonathan, the Peshito, in Philo (*Leg. Allegor.* § 14, I. p. 75 ed. Mangey, *de Gigant.* § 15, I. p. 272, *Lib. I in Genes.* § 29. 22 ed. Aucher), and invariably in the N. T. quotations (Matt. xix. 5, Mark x. 8, Eph. v. 31), and perhaps in some Rabbinical quotations also (e.g. possibly *Beresh. Rab.* 18). Still no such variant is at present known to exist in any Hebrew manuscript (see *De Rossi Var. Lect. Vet. Test.* I. p. 4). But from this great number of independent authorities which contain the words we are disposed to think that they had a place at some time in the Hebrew text. (2) As to the interpretation. It is impossible to weaken the meaning of ἔσονται εἰς here so as to make it imply less than the Hebrew idiom לִווּ ‘they shall become’: see esp. Matt. xix. 5, 6 ἔσονται οἱ δύο εἰς σάρκα μίαν, where our Lord’s comment is explicit ὥστε οὐκέτι εἰσὶν δύο ἀλλὰ σὰρξ μία. (3) As to the application. In Genesis I.c. the words are used of man and wife, the legitimate connexion of male and female. But, so far as regards the question at issue, there is no difference between the two cases. What applies to the one applies to the other also, for as Athanasius says ἐν γὰρ καὶ τοῦτο κάκεινο τῇ φύσει τοῦ πράγματος. (4) Lastly, as to the authority assigned to the passage. What are we to understand by φησίν? Is ὁ Θεὸς to be supplied or η γραφή? To this question it is safest to reply that we cannot decide. The fact is that, like λέγει, φησὶν when introducing a quotation seems to be used impersonally. This usage is common in Biblical Greek (λέγει Rom. xv. 10, Gal. iii. 16, Eph. iv. 8, v. 14: φησὶν Heb. viii. 5, 2 Cor. x. 10 v. 1.), more common in classical Greek. Alford, after Meyer, objects to rendering φησὶν impersonal here, as contrary to St Paul’s usage. But the only other occurrence of the phrase in St Paul is 2 Cor. x. 10, where he is not introducing scripture, but the objections of human critics and of more than one critic. If then φησὶν be read there at all, it must be impersonal. The Apostle’s analogous use of λέγει points to the same conclusion. In Eph. v. 14 it introduces a quotation which is certainly not in scripture, and apparently belonged to an early Christian hymn. We gather therefore that St Paul’s usage does not suggest any restriction here to ὁ Θεὸς or η γραφή. But we cannot doubt from the context that the quotation is meant to be authoritative. In the original the words are Adam’s; but Adam is here the mouthpiece of God. Compare Gal. iv. 30 where Sarah’s words are adopted in the same way, and the quotation from Job v. 13 given above (ch. iii. 19).

17. **ἐν πνεύμα]** The union is an inner spiritual union (Eph. iv. 4). The converse truth appears in Eph. v. 30.

18. **πᾶν ἄμαρτημα]** i.e. ‘every other sin.’ Even drunkenness and gluttony are in a certain sense ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματος.

εἰς τὸ θεῖον σῶμα] which is unnatural. See Eph. v. 29.

19. **η οὐκ οἰδατε]** Of the ten occasions on which this expression is found in this Epistle, six occur in this chapter. The others are iii. 16, v. 6, ix. 13, 24. It is used only twice elsewhere by St Paul

(Rom. vi. 16, xi. 2) and then in an Epistle of this group : but it appears in James iv. 4.

The same truth is enunciated in iii. 16 in almost the same words : see the note there. The difference in application is mainly twofold : *first*, here the expression *τὸ σῶμα ὑμῶν* means ‘the body of each one of you’ individually, while in iii. 16 the whole Christian brotherhood is regarded collectively as the shrine ; *secondly*, there the sins attacked are hatred, strife and vainglory, here sensuality.

20. ήγοράσθητε γὰρ τιμῆς] ‘for ye were bought with a price.’ The aorist shows that the ransom was paid once for all : compare vii. 23, where the metaphor is developed. In the ordinary form of the metaphor, Christ’s blood is a λύτρον (Matt. xx. 28, Mark x. 45) or ἀντιλύτρων (1 Tim. ii. 6); and the process of redemption, ἀπολύτρωσις (Rom. iii. 24, Eph. i. 7, Col. i. 14, Heb. ix. 15), or simply λύτρωσις (Heb. ix. 12). It is thus a ransom from slavery, from captivity, the purchase-money of our freedom. Here on the other hand it is spoken of as *τιμή*, that is to say, a transference to another master, the purchase by which a new owner acquires possession of us, by which we become his slaves. In Rom. vi. 18, 22 the two ideas are combined, ἐλευθερωθέντες δὲ ἀπὸ τῆς ἄμαρτίας ἐδουλώθητε τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ...ἐλευθερωθέντες ἀπὸ τῆς ἄμαρτίας δουλωθέντες δὲ τῷ Θεῷ.

δὴ] The word is hortatory, ‘now,’ ‘verily,’ ‘surely’ ; not ‘therefore’ as the A. V. renders it, which would be *οὖν* in N. T. language. For this use of δὴ compare Luke ii. 15 διελθωμεν δὴ, Acts xiii. 2 ἀφορίσατε δὴ μοι, xv. 36 ἐπιστρέψαντες δὴ κατηγγεῖλαμεν.

ἐν τῷ σώματι ὑμῶν] So the Apostle’s genuine words end, as his argument requires. The addition of the T. R. καὶ ἐν τῷ πνεύματι ὑμῶν ἄτινά ἔστιν τοῦ Θεοῦ is condemned by the vast preponderance of ancient authority. But how came it to be added ? I venture to think from some ancient liturgical use of the passage, thus : V. δοξάσατε δὴ τὸν Θεόν ἐν τῷ σώματι ὑμῶν. R. καὶ ἐν τῷ πνεύματι ὑμῶν ἄτινά ἔστιν τοῦ Θεοῦ. The response would then be incorporated in the text by scribes who remembered the versicle. The influence of liturgical forms on the reading of the N. T. appears in the doxology added to the Lord’s Prayer in Matt. vi. 13, and the baptismal formula in Acts viii. 37. The early and curious Latin reading ‘glorificate et portate’ (or ‘tollite’) found in g, in Tertullian, Cyprian, Lucifer and the Vulgate, may perhaps be traced to a similar source, or may have arisen from a reading ἄραγε (comp. Acts xvii. 27, Matt. vii. 20, xvii. 26) which was confused with ἄρατε : see Reiche *Comm. Crit.* I. p. 165, and the reading of Methodius, ἄρα γε δοξάσατε (δὴ omitted), which goes far to justify this suggestion. Chrysostom (*in 1 Cor. hom. xviii. § 2*, p. 153 E) reads δοξάσατε δὴ ἄρατε τὸν Θεόν, if his text is to be trusted (Saville read ἄρα τε) ; but lower down (*hom. xxvi. § 1*, p. 227 D) δοξάσατε δὴ ἄρα τὸν Θεόν, which probably represents more nearly his true text in both passages.

CHAPTER VII.

3. MARRIAGE, vii. 1—40.

- (a) *To marry or not to marry.* (b) *Duties of those already married.*
(c) *Advice to the unmarried, the widows, the separated* (vii. 1—11).

1. **Περὶ δὲ ὧν ἐγράψατε]** Here we have the first reference to the letter written by the Corinthians to St Paul. This letter must obviously have reached him later than the date of the Apostle's letter to the Corinthians to which he alludes in v. 9: otherwise it would have received an answer in that letter. We may form a fairly complete idea of the contents of this letter of the Corinthians. It raised questions relating to marriage under various circumstances (see vii. 1); it contained a reference to *εἰδωλόθυτα*, for we may infer from the way in which that topic is introduced that they had consulted St Paul about it (comp. viii. 1 περὶ δὲ τῶν εἰδωλοθύτων with vii. 25 περὶ δὲ τῶν παρθένων: it is as though the Apostle were taking in detail the heads of their letter); it consulted him as to the conduct of women in church (xi. 2 shows that the connecting link is an allusion to something which the Corinthians had related); it raised the question of spiritual gifts. This also may be inferred from the form of the introduction of this topic in xii. 1 (**περὶ δὲ τῶν πνευματικῶν**). We may suppose that the letter was brought by Stephanas, Fortunatus and Achaicus, who by their presence 'supplemented the deficiency' of the Church (xvi. 17 τὸ ὑμέτερον ὑστέρημα οὗτοι ἀνεπλήρωσαν), that is, explained more fully the condition of things by word of mouth.

As I have already said (see on v. 9), there is extant in Armenian a spurious correspondence consisting of an epistle from the Corinthians to St Paul and of an epistle from St Paul to the Corinthians. These are included in the canon of the Armenian Church, and the translations which we have are made from the Armenian. They are given in Stanley's *Corinthians* (ed. 4) p. 593 sq. in the English translation made in 1817 from the Armenian by Lord Byron assisted by Aucher. See also Meyer, p. 6 and Fabricius *Cod. Apocr. N. T.* p. 918 sq. It is remarkable that

though this correspondence consists of two letters, and though St Paul mentions just two such letters, yet there is no analogy between the two sets of letters. There is no reason at all for believing that the forger intended to supply the lack; or at least, if his work was suggested by the notices in 1 Corinthians, he has certainly performed it in a most slovenly way.

Let us first take the spurious letter addressed by the Corinthians to St Paul. It begins in the name of Stephanus and the elders with him, no doubt intended to represent Stephanas and his companions (1 Cor. xvi. 17). They write to consult St Paul about certain heretics who are troubling the Church. Of these Simon (probably Magus) and Cleophas are mentioned by name. The heresies are described and St Paul's advice asked. The Apostle is supposed to receive the letter at Philippi and to be a prisoner at the time. Thus the topics have nothing in common with the topics of the real letter of the Corinthians, and the circumstances are different, for the real letter must have been received by the Apostle at Ephesus.

The so-called letter from St Paul to the Corinthians exhibits just the same divergencies from the real facts of the case. The one topic which we know for certain that St Paul's letter must have contained is the direction quoted in 1 Cor. v. 9 μὴ συναναμύγνωσθαι πόροις. There is however no reference whatever to this subject. The spurious letter of St Paul is an answer to the spurious letter to St Paul. The writer meets the case of the heresies by a declaration of the true doctrine of the Resurrection, and concludes with a warning against false teachers. Thus not only are the topics quite dissimilar from what we might have expected, but the order of the letters is reversed. The lost letter of the Corinthians was later in time than the lost letter of St Paul, whereas in the forged correspondence the letter of the Corinthians comes first in chronological order.

Yet there is no flagrant anachronism in the Epistles. The heresies might very well be those of the end of the first or the beginning of the second century. In *Ep. Paul. ad Cor.* 30 'but these cursed men hold the doctrine of the serpent,' there is probably an allusion to the Ophites; but I have given elsewhere reasons for supposing that this form of heresy was closely connected with that combated by St Paul in the Pastoral Epistles, and if so it must have been widely prevalent in the latter half of the first century. See the excursus in *Biblical Essays* (p. 411 sq.), where this question is fully discussed. This spurious correspondence then was an early forgery probably of the second century, but a very obvious forgery. Its genuineness however is maintained by Rinck (*das Sendschr. d. Kor. an d. Apost. Paul.* Heidelb. 1823) who is answered by Ullmann in the *Heidelb. Jahrb.* 1823.

καλὸν] 'good,' 'right,' comp. ver. 26; not 'convenient.' There is no qualification in the word itself; the qualifications are added afterwards in

the context. They are twofold. (1) With what limitations is celibacy good? These limitations are given in verses 2 and 9. Thus it is not good in all cases. (2) For what reasons is it good? These appear in vv. 26, 32 sq. Celibacy therefore is only so far better than marriage in proportion as it fulfils these conditions. It may not however fulfil them in the case of particular men; and so with them it is not better than marriage, but the reverse. Further, the passage must not be taken alone, but in connexion with what the Apostle says elsewhere, Eph. v. 22—33, where he exalts marriage as a type of the union of Christ with the Church. In Heb. xiii. 4 *τίμος ὁ γάμος ἐν πᾶσιν κ.τ.λ.* the first clause is an imperative ‘let marriage be respected among all,’ as appears from the true reading of the next sentence *πόρνους γάρ*; it can therefore only be adduced as an argument here by a misinterpretation. In the passage before us *καλὸν* is not employed for *καλὸν μέν*: the statement is made absolutely and the limitation *διὰ δὲ κ.τ.λ.* comes in as an after consideration.

2. *τὰς πόρνειας*] The phrase hints at the profligacy of all kinds which prevailed in the dissolute city (2 Cor. xii. 21).

ἐκαστος, ἐκάστη] An incidental prohibition of polygamy. Such a prohibition was by no means unnecessary at this time, when polygamy was recklessly encouraged by the Jewish rabbis: see Justin Martyr, *Dial.* 134 and the note on 1 Tim. iii. 2 *μιᾶς γυναικὸς ἄνδρα.* The variation of the form *τὴν ἑαυτοῦ γυναικά, τὸν ἰδιον ἄνδρα* is noticeable, the husband being, as it were, considered the lord of the wife. If this passage stood alone, it would be unsafe to build upon it; but this difference of expression pervades the whole of the Epistles; e.g. Eph. v. 28, *τὰς ἑαυτῶν γυν.,* 31 *τὴν γυν. αὐτοῦ,* 33 *τὴν ἑαυτοῦ γυν.,* as contrasted with Eph. v. 22, Tit. ii. 5, 1 Pet. iii. 1, 5 *τοὺς ἰδίους ἄνδρασιν,* 1 Cor. xiv. 35 *τοὺς ἰδίους ἄνδρας.*

3. *τὴν ὁδειλήν]* Not a classical word in any sense: for though stated in Etym. Magn. to be used in Xenophon *περὶ πόρων*, it does not occur in the present text of the treatise: see Steph. *Thes.* s.v. It is found in Matt. xviii. 32, Rom. xiii. 7.

5. *εἰ μήτι ἀν]* If *ἀν* is to be retained here, we must supply *γένηται* ‘it should take place,’ see Winer § xlvi. p. 380. For *ἀν* for *ἐὰν* see Winer § xli. p. 364, who quotes John xiii. 20, xvi. 23, xx. 23. The use is classical also, e.g. Eur. *Alc.* 181 *σώφρων μὲν οὐκ ἀν μᾶλλον, εὐτυχῆς δ’ ἵστως,* quoted by Alford.

σχολάσητε] ‘may devote yourselves to,’ literally, ‘may have leisure for.’ Thus the secondary meaning has eclipsed the primary, and *σχολὴ* which originally meant ‘leisure’ becomes ‘work,’ ‘school’ (as in Acts xix. 9). *Σχολάζειν* takes the dative (1) of the subject studied, *φιλοσοφίᾳ, στρατείᾳ, μαθήμασιν, τοῖς φίλοις, τῇ τοῦ λόγου διακονίᾳ* (Chrysost. *de sacris*); or (2) of the person teaching, *Σωκράτει, Πλάτωνι, etc.* It is used absolutely in Matt. xii. 44, Luke xi. 25 in its primary sense.

τῇ προσευχῇ] The words *τῇ προσεύξῃ καὶ*, which precede *τῇ προσευχῇ* in the T. R., are to be omitted by the vast preponderance of ancient

authorities. There are three other passages where similar insertions are made, supported by varying degrees of evidence. In the case of Matt. xvii. 21 the whole verse should be omitted; it is wanting in NB, some old Latin authorities (e ff), the Curetonian and Jerusalem Syriac, the Thebaic, in manuscripts of the Memphitic, and in the Eusebian Canons, a combination of authorities which shows decisively that the passage has been transferred from Mark ix. 29. In Acts x. 30 the words *ηστεύων καὶ* are omitted in NBAC etc., the Vulgate, Memphitic, Armenian, etc., and where they occur are found in different positions, e.g. in D*, the oldest manuscript which contains them, *ηστεύων τὴν ἐνάτην τε καὶ προσ.* Here again there can be not a shadow of a doubt that they are an insertion. In Mark ix. 29 the case is somewhat different. The words *καὶ ηστείᾳ* are omitted in Bk, a small but very formidable combination; and here again authorities which contain them present them in different positions as *ἐν ηστείᾳ καὶ προσευχῇ* (Pesh. Arm. Æthiop.). Hence, if retained, the phrase should certainly be bracketed as doubtful.

The four passages represent what may be called an ascetic addition of later scribes. Yet too much must not be made of this fact. Though the tendency of a later age was to exalt fasting to a level with prayer, yet the highest authorities for the practice itself still remain in the example (Matt. iv. 2) and directions of our Lord (Matt. vi. 16—18), and in the custom of the Apostles (Acts xiii. 2, 3, xiv. 23) in pursuance of our Lord's prophecy (Matt. ix. 15, Mark ii. 20, Luke v. 35). We must not however adduce in this connexion such passages as 2 Cor. vi. 5, xi. 27, because the context shows that in both cases *ἐν ηστείαις* denotes involuntary fastings, like *ηστεῖς* in Matt. xv. 32, Mark viii. 3. Thus the practice of fasting has abundant sanction in the New Testament; but it holds a subordinate place to prayer, with only a secondary value in so far as it promotes self-discipline or conduces to spiritual growth.

ἀκρασταν] We must carefully distinguish two words spelt in the same way, (1) *ἀκρασία*, a rare word, derived from *κεράννυμι* and akin to *ἀκρατος* ‘unmixed,’ ‘untempered,’ used (Theophr. C. P. iii. 2. 5) of the climate or sky as opposed to *εὐκρασία* and equivalent to the Latin ‘intempories’; and (2) *ἀκρασία*, which we have here and in Matt. xxiii. 25, the character of the *ἀκρατής* (from *κρατεῖν*), opposed to *ἐγκράτεια*, and expressed in Latin by ‘impotentia,’ ‘the absence of self-restraint.’ That this is the word meant here is evident from the juxtaposition of *ἐγκρατεύονται* (ver. 9). It is common in classical Greek (see Steph. Thes. s.v., Wetstein *ad loc.*, Lobeck *Phryn.* p. 524), and found in passages which set at rest the question of its derivation, e.g. Xen. Mem. iv. 5. 7 *τῷ ἀκρατεῖ...αὐτὰ γὰρ δῆπου τὰ ἐναρτία σωφροσύνης καὶ ἀκρασταν ἔργα ἔστι*, Arist. Eth. Nic. vii. 1 passim where it is contrasted again and again with *ἐγκράτεια* and associated with *ἀκρατής* and *ἀκρατεύονται*. It is apparently the usual form in Aristotle, though *ἀκράτεια* appears also (*de virt. et vit.* p. 1250 ll. 1, 22 ed. Bekker). It is found

likewise in Plutarch (*Mor.* p. 446 B) associated with ἀκρατής. A similar form is γυναικοκρασία which occurs side by side with γυναικοκρατία. Owing to their similarity of sound and meaning ἀκρασία and ἀκρασία are frequently confused: see Steph. *Thes.* s.v.

6. τοῦτο δὲ λέγω] To what does the Apostle refer? Not to the previous verse only, or to part of it; but to the general terms of the preceding paragraph (vv. 2, 3, 4, 5), especially to verse 2 as involving the rest, to the recommendation, that is to say, of the marriage state with all its obligations.

καὶ συγγνώμην οὐ κατ' ἐπιταγὴν] ‘by way of concession, not by way of command.’ It is permissive, not imperative. ‘I do not give this as a binding rule (e.g. γυναικα ἔχετω). I state it as what is allowable. If I had my way, I should desire all men to live a celibate life in continence like myself.’

The rendering of the A. V. ‘by permission, not by commandment’ seems to imply ‘though I have no command from God, yet I am permitted by God to speak this’; accordingly ver. 25 ἐπιταγὴν Κυρίου οὐκ ἔχω γνώμην δὲ δίδωμι is frequently referred to in the margin of English bibles to illustrate this verse. It is conceivable that the translators of the Authorised Version intended this to be the meaning, though the passage is otherwise and, as I think, correctly explained in a note in the Geneva Version. This interpretation however in itself is hardly possible, much less probable. True, it has in its favour ver. 25 quoted above, also *κατ'* ἐπιταγὴν used elsewhere (Rom. xvi. 26, 1 Tim. i. 1, Tit. i. 3) of the divine commands. But neither the verb *συγγινώσκω* nor the substantive *συγγνώμη* is used of God in either the LXX. or the N. T., nor would it be an appropriate word to employ, for it contains by implication the notion of fellow-feeling and the like. Nor does this meaning suit what follows θελω δὲ κ.τ.λ. On these grounds therefore it is better to explain the passage in the sense given above.

7. θελω δὲ] ‘on the contrary I desire.’ Δὲ is undoubtedly the correct reading, γὰρ being a correction for the purpose of simplification. While γὰρ would connect this verse with the whole preceding sentence, δὲ attaches it more particularly with the last clause οὐ κατ' ἐπιταγὴν.

ώς καὶ ἡμαυτὸν] ‘as myself’: comp. ver. 9 ώς κάγω. The obvious interpretation of this and similar passages is that St Paul was unmarried. On the other hand Clement of Alexandria (*Strom.* iii. 6, p. 535 ed. Potter) states the opposite; but then he gives his reasons. He is arguing against the Encratites and referring to Phil. iv. 3 says ἐν τινὶ ἐπιστολῇ τὴν αὐτοῦ προσαγορεύειν σύνεγγον: he then goes on to add that though the Apostle had a wife, he did not ‘lead her about,’ as he had a perfect right to do (1 Cor. ix. 5). It is clear therefore that Clement’s view had no support from tradition, but was an inference from St Paul’s own language. Tertullian (*ad Uxor.* ii. 1) and almost all the other fathers speak of St Paul as unmarried. Origen (on *Rom.* i. p. 461 ed. Delarue) characteristically

gives both explanations (Paulus ergo sicut quidam tradunt cum uxore vocatus est de qua dicit ad Philippenses, etc.) and follows his master Clement but with hesitation (si vero ut aliis videtur sine uxore etc.). To say nothing of the grammatical difficulty of the masculine form *γνήσιε σύνεντες* being applied to a woman, the verse we are considering is fatal to that interpretation of the passage, and the contention of Clement and Origen therefore falls to the ground (see the note on Phil. l.c.). In these latter years of his life the Apostle certainly had not a wife living. There is however one argument which needs consideration in favour of his having been married earlier in life and being at this time a widower. It was a maxim of the rabbis, at all events of a later date, that no one could be a member of the Sanhedrin or sit in judgment on a capital offence, except one who was not only a married man but a father (*Sanh. fo. 36 b*); because such a one was more likely to take a merciful view of an offence. Now St Paul says (Acts xxvi. 10) expressly that he recorded his vote against those who were condemned to death on the charge of Christianity. Hence it is contended that at that time he must have been a married man. But this inference depends on two points both very precarious : (1) that *κατήνευκα ψῆφον* is to be taken literally, (2) that the regulations laid down by the later Talmudists held good at the time of which we are speaking. Against this highly precarious hypothesis we may set two considerations, (a) that wife and children are never once hinted at, but everything points the opposite way : he goes about as one entirely free from such ties : (b) the whole passage before us implies that the Apostle lived a celibate life throughout, and lived it in continence.

χάρισμα] It was such, for it was an instrument for preaching the Gospel. Others might have other gifts, might serve God in other ways ; but this which enabled him to keep himself free from all earthly ties was to the Apostle a special grace. Comp. xii. 4, Rom. xii. 6, 1 Pet. iv. 10, and for the wide use in St Paul the notes on i. 7 above and Rom. i. 11.

οὐτως, οὐτως] The maxim therefore is thrown into a general form. It is quite comprehensive : each man has his own qualifications for serving God and it is his business to realize them. On *οὐτως οὐτως* see Judg. xviii. 4, 2 Sam. xi. 25, xvii. 15, 2 Kings v. 4, references given in Meyer.

8. **τοῖς ἀγάμοις**] i.e. the unmarried of both sexes ; not to be rendered 'widowers' as though corresponding to *ταῖς χήραις*.

9. **οὐκ ἐγκρατεύονται]** The negative belongs closely to the verb and the phrase is to be treated as one word ; otherwise it would be μη. Grammarians tell us that *ἀκρατεύεσθαι* is a solecism, though used by many, as Menander (Lobeck *Phryn.* p. 442 *ἀκρατεύεσθαι* ἀδοκίμῳ ὅντι οἴγε πολλοὶ χρώνται τούτῳ τῷ ὄνόματι καὶ Μένανδρος. Δέγε οὖν οὐκ ἐγκρατεύεσθαι). *'Ακρατεύεσθαι* however occurs several times in Aristotle (see index to the Nicomachean Ethics). On the other hand there is no such classical authority for *ἐγκρατεύεσθαι*. St Paul would doubtless have used

ἀκρατεύεσθαι, if it had served his purpose ; but it would have conveyed a darker shade of meaning than he intended. Ἐγκρατεύεσθαι occurs in Gen. xlivi. 30, 1 Sam. xiii. 12.

10. οὐκ ἐγώ ἀλλὰ ὁ Κύριος] The common conception of this phrase is quite wrong. It is generally thought that the distinction on which St Paul insists is the distinction between Paul inspired and Paul speaking of himself, between an utterance *ex cathedrâ* and a private opinion. The real difference is between the words of Paul the inspired Apostle and the express command of Christ Himself. We are expressly told that our Lord did prohibit divorce (Matt. v. 32, xix. 9, Mark x. 9, 11, 12, Luke xvi. 18). The nearest approach to St Paul's language is Mark x. 9 ὁ οὐν ὁ Θεὸς συνέζευξεν ἀνθρωπος μὴ χωρίζετω. In Matt. v. 32 an exception to the rule is allowed παρεκτὸς λόγου πορνείας ; but St Paul does not think it necessary to add this qualification, because it would be understood of itself. Indeed it is not found in the other Gospel passages, except possibly in Matt. xix. 9 where it occurs in the common text.

μὴ χωρίσθηναι, μὴ ἀφίέναι] For this distinction see the quotation from Bengel given on ver. 13.

11. ἐάν δὲ...καταλλαγῆτω] The sentence is parenthetical : a caution being introduced as an afterthought. Compare ver. 15 εἰ δὲ ὁ ἀπόστολος χωρίζεται χωρίζεσθω, and ver. 21 ἀλλ' εἰ καὶ δύνασαι ἐλεύθερος γενέσθαι μᾶλλον χρῆσαι, where a great deal depends on the interpretation of this one clause : see the note there.

(d) *On the marriage relations of the believer wedded with the unbeliever, and on change of condition generally* (vii. 12—24).

12. τοῖς δὲ λοιποῖς] Hitherto St Paul had spoken solely to Christians (in vv. 8, 9 to the unmarried, in vv. 10, 11 to the married). Now he turns to speak of mixed marriages between Christian and heathen. The use of *οἱ λοιποὶ* here of the Gentiles is akin to the use elsewhere in St Paul (Eph. ii. 3, 1 Thess. iv. 13, v. 6).

λέγω ἐγώ] This is the right order of the two words ; it corresponds with what goes before, παραγγέλλω οὐκ ἐγώ ἀλλὰ ὁ Κύριος (ver. 10), and it is more emphatic in itself, comp. Gal. ii. 20.

αὗτη] is preferable to αὕτῃ here, because of οὐτος which succeeds in the next verse.

συνευδοκεῖ] The compounding preposition shows that the man's consent is assumed.

13. μὴ ἀφίέτω] 'Separatur pars ignobilior, mulier ; dimittit nobilior, vir : inde conversa ratione etiam mulier fidelis dicitur dimittere : et vir infidelis, separari, vv. 13, 15.' Bengel on ver. 10.

τὸν ἄνδρα] This, the correct reading, is stronger than αὐτόν. 'Let her not dismiss him, for he still remains her husband.'

14. ἡγίασται] Observe the large and liberal view which the Apostle here adopts. The lesser takes its character from the greater, not the

greater from the lesser. God does not reject the better because of its alliance with the worse, but accepts the worse on account of its alliance with the better. On this feature in St Paul's theology see the note on i. 2 κλητοῖς ἀγίοις.

ἐπεὶ ἄπα] i.e. 'since on the contrary supposition it follows that your children are unclean,' a thing not to be thought of. This argumentative *ἐπεὶ* 'since otherwise' (which can stand alone without *ἄπα*) is not uncommon in St Paul (xv. 29, Rom. iii. 6, xi. 6, 22) and elsewhere (Heb. ix. 26, x. 2), and is followed by the indicative.

νῦν δὲ ἀγία ἐστιν] 'but, as it is, they are holy.' St Paul regards this as an axiom. 'It is allowed on all sides that the children of these mixed marriages are holy.' The sense of the passage is clear enough, but to what objective fact does it correspond? Plainly the children of mixed marriages were regarded as in some sense Christian children. We cannot say more or less than this.

It has been affirmed that this passage tells against the supposition of Infant Baptism as a practice of the Early Church at this time. Thus Meyer says, 'weil darum die ἀγύρτης der Christenkinder einen andern Grund gehabt habe.' But this is a mere *petitio principii*. How do we know that it was not the very token of their ἀγύρτης that such children were baptized as Christians? This at all events was a definite overt act to which the Apostle might well make his appeal, as showing that they were regarded as holy. The passage is not to be pressed on either side. The Jews indeed had a maxim, that the child of a proselytess need not be baptized (*Febamoth* f. 78, 'si gravida fit proselyta, non opus est ut baptizetur infans quando natus fuerit: baptismus enim matris ei cedit pro baptismō'). But this proves nothing, because it proves too much. If valid at all, it would be valid against ever baptizing one born of Christian parents. As a matter of fact, the baptism of the Christian corresponded not to the baptism of the proselyte, but to the circumcision of the Jew, which was required of all alike. Thus no inference can be drawn here against the practice of Infant Baptism. On the contrary the expression tells rather in its favour. Certainly it enunciates the principle which leads to infant baptism, viz. that the child of Christian parents shall be treated as a Christian.

15. *εἰ δὲ εἰρήνη κ.τ.λ.]* By parity of reasoning this includes by implication the unbelieving woman as well as the unbelieving man.

εἰ δὲ εἰρήνη κ.τ.λ.] 'but in peace hath God called us.' This is not to be connected with what immediately precedes, as though it meant, 'they are not bound to a compulsory connexion which would be fatal in their peace.' The words refer to the whole tenour of these directions, the first part of ver. 15 being a parenthetical limitation. What St Paul says is this: 'Do not let any jar or conflict in the family relations arise out of your Christianity. Live peaceably with the heathen husband or wife who wishes to live with you. If a discussion is urged on their part, do not

refuse it. The Christian is not so enslaved by such an alliance that he or she may not thus be set free. But let the liberation be the work of another. Do not foster dissensions, do not promote a separation. Do nothing to endanger peace : peace is the very atmosphere of your calling in Christ, the very air which you breathe as Christians.'

16. *τι γὰρ οἴδας κ.τ.λ.*] This passage again is often wrongly interpreted as though it meant, 'separate yourself, for you cannot be sure that by continuing the connexion you will convert the unbelieving husband (or wife).' Thus Stanley (p. 105) speaks of the injunction as 'a solemn warning against the gambling spirit which intrudes itself even into the most sacred matters,' and 'a remarkable proof of the Apostle's freedom from proselytism.' But surely the Apostle would not have admitted this interpretation of his words. For (1) such a motive—the conversion of the partner—was not likely to be urged by the Corinthian Christians for remaining in this state of enforced wedlock ; nor (2) was the Apostle likely to give prominence to the uncertainty of the result as a reason for seeking freedom. What he is really advising is the sacrificing of much for the possible attainment of what is a great gain though an uncertain one. If we look at the sense we see that though the possibility of succeeding in the conversion would be a highly adequate reason for continuing the connexion, yet on the other hand the possibility of failure would be a highly inadequate reason for closing the connexion. The interpretation of the passage depends upon the meaning to be assigned to *εἰ* in the phrase *τι οἴδας, τις οἶδεν* etc. As a matter of fact, whether we should have expected it beforehand or not, these expressions, so far from emphasizing a doubt, express a hope : e.g. 1 Sam. xii. 22 *τις οἶδεν ἐλεήσει με Κύριος* implying that there is a reasonable chance (comp. Esther iv. 14, Jonah iii. 9, Joel ii. 14 the only passages in the LXX. under *οἴδα* which illustrate the meaning). We therefore conclude that the whole sentence expresses a hope, and that St Paul's meaning is that this saving of the husband (or wife) is worth any temporal inconvenience.

17. *εἰ μὴ κ.τ.λ.*] A general maxim arising out of a special case, and illustrated below by the examples, *first*, of circumcision (*vv. 18, 19*), *secondly*, of slavery (*vv. 20, 21*). These illustrations are a digression which arises out of the general maxim. *Εἰ μὴ* never stands for *ἀλλά* ; it is here as elsewhere in the sense of *πλήν* 'only' : see Rom. xiv. 14, Jelf G. G. § 860, Winer § liii. p. 566, and the notes on Gal. i. 7, 19.

ώς μεμέρικεν ὁ Κύριος, ώς κέκληκεν ὁ Θεός] Two variations from the reading of the T. R. are necessary. (1) The substantives should be interchanged in accordance with the vast majority of ancient authorities and St Paul's own usage. For in all cases (1 Thess. iv. 7, Rom. iv. 17, viii. 30, 2 Tim. i. 9) it is God Who calls ; on the other hand to assign external positions in the Church falls naturally to Him Who is the Head of the Church and is elsewhere associated with the distribution of such gifts (xii. 5 *διαιρέσεις διακονιῶν εἰσὶν καὶ ὁ αὐτὸς Κύριος*, Eph. iv. 11).

(2) Μεμέρικεν, though only read by NB, is preferable to ἐμέρισεν; as balancing the perfect which follows, and as being in itself a rare form. The sense also is improved by the change of tense, 'has assigned his lot in life once for all.' The word here refers entirely to the external conditions of life: Eccl. xlv. 20 ἀπαρχὰς πρωτογενημάτων ἐμέρισεν αὐτοῖς, 2 Macc. viii. 28.

18. *ἐπισπάσθω*] 'become as uncircumcised,' efface the signs of his Judaism. This was done literally by renegade Jews, e.g. in the time of Antiochus (1 Macc. i. 15), comp. Joseph. *Ant.* xii. 5. 1. See Buxtorf, p. 1274 s.v. **רָשֶׁב**, Wetstein here and Schöttgen I. p. 1159 sq. Here however the term is used as the symbol of a much wider application, e.g. the observance of sabbaths, festivals, etc.

κέληται] The change of tense from the aorist of the preceding clause may have been guided by the fact that as a rule the conversions of the Jews were earlier than the conversions of the Gentiles.

19. We have the same sentiment expressed in Gal. v. 6, vi. 15. On independent grounds we know that our Epistle was the earlier one, and this quite accords with the evidence of the three passages considered together. The passage before us gives the original form. The maxim is two-edged, and both edges are used here. On the other hand, in Galatians ll. cc. it is applied only against the Gentiles who would become as Jews. Stanley rightly draws attention to the double assertion of the maxim in St Paul's own conduct: the circumcision of Timothy as a child of one Jewish parent (Acts xvi. 3), the non-circumcision of Titus as a Greek (Gal. ii. 3). In its wider application the maxim reconciles the Apostle's own conduct as a Jew among Jews (Acts xxi. 21 sq.) with his assertion of Gentile freedom (e.g. in the Epistle to the Galatians). It condemns those in our own time who insist on the absolute rejection of forms and those who maintain the absolute necessity of retaining them, as equally opposed to the liberty of the Gospel.

τίρησις ἐντολῶν Θεοῦ] In the corresponding passages the requisites are πίστις δι' ἀγάπης ἐνεργουμένη (Gal. v. 6) and κανὴ κρίσις (Gal. vi. 15): see the notes there. Those who would contrast the teaching of St Paul with that of St James, or who would exaggerate his doctrine of justification by faith, should reflect on this *τίρησις ἐντολῶν Θεοῦ*.

20. *ἐν τῇ κλήσει*] From this passage comes the common usage of the word 'calling' or 'vocation,' for our profession in life regarded as sanctified, as given to us by God. The sentiment which underlies this thought is essentially right, but as an interpretation of the Apostle's words here it is quite wrong. Here, as always in the N. T., *κλῆσις* is the summons to the knowledge of God, to membership in the Church, to the kingdom of Christ. *Κλῆσις* is a good classical word, meaning (1) a designation or appellation, (2) an invitation, e.g. to a supper, (3) a summons or citation to appear as a witness or advocate in court. These last two senses form a connecting link with the N. T. use of the expression.

The calling of Christians into the kingdom is represented under the image of an invitation to a feast (Matt. xxii. 3, 4, 8, 11: comp. the technical use of *καλεῖν* in Luke xiv. 7). But more than this, the language of Epictetus i. 29 § 46 μάρτυς ὑπὸ τοῦ Θεοῦ κεκλημένος and § 49 ταῦτα μὲλλεις μαρτυρεῖν καὶ καταισχύνειν τὴν κλῆσιν ἣν κέκληκεν [ό Θεός] reminds us forcibly of St Paul's language here (cf. Eph. iv. 1, 2 Tim. i. 9), which the Stoic philosopher seems elsewhere to have caught (see *Philippians*, p. 313 sq.), though here he has put another meaning into it. In the N. T. the substantive occurs chiefly, but not solely (see Heb. iii. 1, 2 Pet. i. 10) in St Paul's writings, and is applied both to the act and (as here) to the circumstances of calling. But the circumstances represent not the external condition to which God called us, but the external conditions in which God called us to a knowledge of Himself.

21. δᾶλλ' εἰ καὶ κ.τ.λ.] 'but if it should be in thy power to become a free man, the rather avail thyself of the opportunity.' Two opposite interpretations have been put upon this passage: (1) 'even though it is in thy power to be set free, prefer to continue in slavery'; (2) 'if it should be in thy power etc., prefer this freedom to remaining in slavery.' In the first case the sentence (vv. 21, 22) is continuous; in the latter, the clause δᾶλλ' εἰ καὶ...μᾶλλον χρῆσαι is parenthetical, 'in giving you this injunction I do not mean to prevent you from becoming free if opportunity offers.'

Of earlier commentators, Origen (in Cramer's *Catena*, p. 140) explains the slavery metaphorically of marriage and seems to take the phrase as recommending liberty. He mentions that *οἱ λοιποὶ ἐρμηνευταὶ* interpret the passage of subjection to the ordinances of the law. Of those who explain the sentence literally and naturally, Severianus (in Cramer) takes it to recommend liberty; Photius slavery, and so Theodoret with qualifications. Hilary (Ambrosiaster) is doubtful. Chrysostom mentions the interpretation which recommends liberty (*τινὲς τὸ μᾶλλον χρῆσαι περὶ ἐλευθερίας φασὶν εἰρήσθαι*), but prefers the contrary view. Thus the tendency of patristic interpretation is on the side of a continuance in slavery; and this we should expect, for while slavery was an existing institution, there would be a temptation to explain the passage as recommending the *status quo*.

Turning now to the language, we may safely say that *εἰ καὶ* may bear both senses. It may mean 'although,' 'even though,' as in Phil. ii. 17 δᾶλλ' εἰ καὶ σπένδομαι, Col. ii. 5, Luke xi. 8 etc.; or it may mean 'if,' as in Luke xi. 18 εἰ καὶ ὁ Σατανᾶς...διεμερίσθη: comp. ἐὰν καὶ (vii. 11, Gal. vi. 1). When however we come to consider the phrase *μᾶλλον χρῆσαι*, it is much more natural to supply *τῇ ἐλευθερίᾳ* out of the *ἐλεύθερος* of the immediate sentence, than *τῇ δουλείᾳ* out of the *δοῦλος* of a more distant clause. Again *χρῆσαι* in the sense of 'to avail oneself of an opportunity offered' is an idiomatic usage which occurs elsewhere in this Epistle, ix. 12 δᾶλλ' οὐκ ἔχρησάμεθα τῇ ἔξουσιᾳ ταύτῃ, 15 οὐ κέχρημαι οὐδενὶ τούτων, and is thus characteristic and forcible.

But the main argument in favour of the translation adopted in these notes is the extreme improbability that St Paul would have taken any other view. From the nature of the case the free man was in a much more advantageous position for doing God's work than a slave who was fettered at every turn. Again, the Apostle's own practice in his own case shows how strong was the sense of freedom which he carried with him. This he exhibits when he asserts more than once his rights as a Roman citizen (*Acts xvi. 37, xxii. 25 sq.*).

Thus we conclude that the passage is parenthetical, a qualification of the Apostle's general statement which precedes it, added lest he should be misunderstood. 'In saying this, I do not mean but that, if you have the opportunity of gaining your freedom, you should avail yourself of the more advantageous position in which you will then be placed.' Whatever the nature of the freedom may be, it is generally to be preferred to the slavery whatever it may be, if it come in a natural and lawful way. Compare the parentheses in *vv. 11, 15*. Thus the substantive to be supplied is *τὴν ἐλεύθερίαν*.

22. ὁ γὰρ...δοῦλος] 'for he that is called in the Lord being a slave'; comp. ver. 21. The expression *ἐν Κυρίῳ καλεῖν*, though unusual, occurs in *1 Pet. v. 10*, but not in *Eph. i. 11*, where *ἐκληρώθημεν* is the correct reading.

ἀπελεύθερος] 'freedman.' A double process is indicated here. Christ first buys us from our old master, sin, and then sets us free. For this enfranchisement see *Rom. viii. 2, Gal. v. 1*. But observe that a service is still due from the *libertus* to his *patronus*. This was the case in Roman Law (see Becker and Marquardt, v. p. 211), which required the freedman to take his patron's name, live in his patron's house, consult his patron's will etc. Compare the language of Ignatius (*Rom. 4*) *ἐκεῖνοι ἐλεύθεροι, ἐγὼ δὲ μέχρι νῦν δοῦλος· ἀλλ' ἔαν πάθω, ἀπελεύθερος Ἰησοῦν Χριστοῦ, καὶ ἀναστήσομαι ἐν αὐτῷ ἐλεύθερος*. See the note on *vi. 20 ἡγοράσθητε γὰρ τιμῆς* above, where the double aspect of the Redemption, as an emancipation and as a transference of ownership, is drawn out. This second aspect is hinted at here in the word *Κυρίου* representing the great Lord of all (see the note on *iii. 5*, above). But in effect freedom in Christ and slavery to Christ merely represent two sides of the same moral truth: for subjection to Christ is freedom from sin (*Rom. vi. 18, 22*).

23. τιμῆς ἡγοράσθητε] See the note on *vi. 20*.

μὴ γίνεσθε] 'become not': for it would be a change of state if they were to become slaves once more. Comp. *Gal. iv. 31, v. 1*.

δοῦλοι ἀνθρώπων] What is the reference here? There is nothing in the context which points to the meaning, and we have to look for the idea elsewhere in the Epistle. The allusion is probably to the insolent tyranny of their party-leaders (*i. 12, iii. 4, 21*); and if so, it can be well illustrated by *2 Cor. xi. 20 ἀνέχεσθε γὰρ εἰ τις ὑμᾶς καταδούλοι*.

24. In this verse St Paul repeats again the general maxim formulated in ver. 17, emphasizing the saving clause, 'in the sight of God,' *παρὰ Θεῷ*.

(e) *On virgins specially (vii. 25—38).*

25. περὶ δὲ τῶν παρθένων] This commences a new subject and (from the way in which it is introduced) probably another of the topics of the Corinthian letter (see on vii. 1).

A preliminary question has to be settled. Does *παρθένοι* include both sexes? The use of the word in Rev. xiv. 4 is not decisive; for obviously the term there was not a recognised term: otherwise St John would not have said further *παρθένοι γάρ εἰσιν*—an addition which shows that he used the phrase *καταχρηστικῶς*. There is apparently no indication of this use until a much later period, unless *Pistis Sophia*, p. 146, be an example in Syriac (see Payne Smith, *Thes. Syr.* p. 624 sq.). But, it will be said, St Paul does immediately afterwards (*vv. 26—28, 29—33*) speak of both sexes. That is true; but the facts seem to be that the Corinthians consulted him about the special case of giving virgin daughters in marriage; whereupon St Paul generalised, first stating the guiding principle (ver. 27), then applying it to both sexes (*vv. 28—35*), and finally dealing with the special point which the Corinthians had put to him (*vv. 36—38*).

ἐπιταγὴν Κυρίου] i.e. an express command, whether a directly recorded saying of our Lord (as in ver. 10), or a direct intimation to the Apostle by revelation.

ἡλεγμένος] Compare 1 Tim. i. 13, 16.

26. τοῦτο καλὸν ὑπάρχειν] ‘this is good to begin with.’ It is thus the fundamental axiom, the starting-point, of the discussion that follows. *Καλὸν* is used in the same sense as in ver. 1, and the sentiment is nearly the same. ‘*Ἄνθρώπῳ* here includes both sexes.

ἐνεστῶσαν] ‘present,’ not ‘imminent.’ On this word see on Gal. i. 4, where this passage is referred to.

ἀνάγκην] Persecution was impending. There were signs of a coming storm. The man, who kept himself free from the entanglement of earthly ties, would save himself from many a bitter conflict: he would not have to face the terrible alternative—the most terrible to sensitive minds—between duty to God and affection to wife and children. He was altogether more free to do and to suffer for Christ. A man who is a hero in himself becomes a coward when he thinks of his widowed wife and his orphaned children. The *ἀνάγκη*, of which the Apostle speaks, might or might not be the beginning of the *ἀνάγκη μεγάλη* (Luke xxi. 23).

ὅτι καλὸν κ.τ.λ.] Governed, like the preceding clause, by *νομίζω*, but a new construction.

οὕτως] ‘just as he is,’ i.e. ‘unmarried,’ for he is speaking of them. For *οὗτως* compare ver. 40, Rom. ix. 20, John iv. 6.

27. λέλυσαι] ‘art thou set free from a wife’: not implying that the person addressed was ever married. It is complementary to *δέδεσαι*.

above. That this sense is legitimate appears from Xen. *Cyr.* i. 1. 4 (quoted by Meyer) ἔτι καὶ νῦν αὐτόνομα εἶναι λέγεται καὶ λελύσθαι ἀπ' ἀλλήλων.

28. γαμήσης, γάμη] If this distinction is intentional, it certainly is not the distinction of classical usage between *γαμεῖν* for the man and *γαμεῖσθαι* of the woman (Lobeck *Phryn.* p. 742, Porson on *Medea* l. 264, Pollux iii. 45); for here the aorist active is used of the woman also ἐὰν γῆμη ἡ παρθένος. So too ver. 34 ἡ γαμήσασα, 1 Tim. v. 11 γαμεῖν θέλουσιν (χῆραι), 14 βούλομαι νεωτέρας γαμεῖν. In all these cases the verb is used absolutely, but in Mark x. 12 ἐὰν αὐτὴ γαμήσῃ ἄλλον (the right reading) it governs an accusative. On the other hand the classical distinction is preserved below in ver. 39 ἐλευθέρα ἔστιν φθέλει γαμηθῆναι. There is a tendency in scribes to alter the voice in order to bring it into conformity with the classical idiom; see Mark l.c. and Ign. *Pol.* 5 where πρέπει δὲ τοῖς γαμοῦσι καὶ ταῖς γαμούσαις has been corrected by the interpolator into πρέπει δὲ τοῖς γαμοῦσι καὶ ταῖς γαμομέναις (see the note there). *Ἐγῆμα (from γάμω) is an older form than ἐγάμησα (from γαμέω), which however is found in Menander and Lucian; both occur elsewhere in the N. T., ἐγῆμα in Matt. xxii. 25, Luke xiv. 20, ἐγάμησα in Matt. xix. 9, Mark vi. 17, x. 11, and ver. 9 above. For the occurrence of an older and a later form side by side in the N. T., comp. κερδήσω, κερδανῶ (1 Cor. ix. 21, 22), ἐλεώντος, ἐλεεῖ (Rom. ix. 16, 18), and see Lobeck *de orthograph. Graec. inconst.* (*Path.* II. 341 sq.).

ἡ παρθένος] taken as a typical case: comp. vi. 16 τῇ πόρνῃ. But the article here is doubtful.

ἔγὼ δὲ κ.τ.λ.] i.e. 'my object in giving this advice is to spare you suffering as far as possible.'

29. συνεσταλμένος] The verb *συνεστέλλεσθαι* is commonly used of persons to signify 'to be depressed,' 'dejected'; as in 1 Macc. iii. 6 συνεστάλησαν οἱ ἄνομοι ἀπὸ τοῦ φόβου αὐτῶν, v. 5 συνέστειλεν αὐτούς, 2 Macc. vi. 12 μὴ συνεστέλλεσθαι διὰ τὰς συμφοράς, see also examples in Steph. *Thes.* s.v. The question then arises, is *συνεσταλμένος* here temporal or moral, of the contracted time or of the pressure of calamity? Perhaps both ideas are implied in the phrase, but in the light of the context the temporal cannot be excluded (comp. Rom. xiii. 11). For στέλλεσθαι see the note on 2 Thess. iii. 6, and for the Apostle's views as to the approach of the Second Advent the note on 1 Thess. iv. 15.

ἔστιν, τὸ λοιπὸν] This is the right reading: not τὸ λοιπόν ἔστιν, nor λοιπόν ἔστιν. How then is the expression τὸ λοιπὸν to be taken, with what precedes or with what follows? To connect it with what follows in the sense given by the A. V. 'it remains therefore that' becomes impossible as soon as the true reading τὸ λοιπὸν for λοιπὸν is established. Two possibilities therefore remain: (1) to connect with the preceding sentence 'the season is short henceforth,' which is flat and unmeaning; or (2) to consider the phrase as belonging to the subordinate clause ὥστε...ὅστιν, but misplaced for the sake of emphasis, 'the season is short, so that

henceforth' etc. Such an anticipation of words for purposes of emphatic statement is characteristic of St Paul (see Winer § lxi. p. 685 sq.), especially with clauses introduced by *ἴνα*: see Rom. xi. 31, 2 Cor. ii. 4, Gal. ii. 10, Col. iv. 16 and comp. John xiii. 29: and is on the whole to be preferred here.

30. Sorrows and joys alike are temporary, are transient. In a moment all may be changed. Therefore to one who judges rightly, earthly grief is not over grievous and earthly joy not over joyous.

ὡς μὴ κατέχοντες] i.e. as not sure of absolute ownership. Compare 2 Cor. vi. 10, and for the metaphor Lucr. iii. 971 'Vitaque mancipio nulli datur, omnibus usu.'

31. *οἱ χρώμενοι κ.τ.λ.*] The accusative (*τὸν κόσμον*) is very rare after *χρᾶσθαι* except in quite late writers (Malalas p. 5, Theophan. p. 314): it has very slight support in Acts xxvii. 17 *βοηθεῖας* (v. l. -*as*) *ἐχρῶντο*, but occurs in Wisdom vii. 14 *θησαυρὸς...ὸν οἱ χρησάμενοι* (where the variant *κτησάμενοι* is rejected by Tischendorf and Fritzsche). The construction however is found in a Cretan inscription of the second or third century B.C. (Boeckh *C. I. G.* II. p. 405). In the passage before us the accusative may have been influenced by the *καταχρώμενοι* which follows; *καταχρᾶσθαι* often taking an accusative (A. Buttmann p. 157, Meyer *ad loc.*), even in classical writers. It occurs however below with a dative, ix. 18 *εἰς τὸ μὴ καταχρίσασθαι τῇ ἔξουσίᾳ μου*.

καταχρώμενοι] 'using up,' 'using to the full,' comp. 'abuti' in Latin, which often takes this meaning. 'Misusing' would be *παραχρώμενοι*: 'abusing' of the A. V., though an archaism, well preserves the alliteration.

33, 34. The interesting question of the reading of this passage falls under two heads. (1) *καὶ μεμέρισται καὶ* is undoubtedly the reading at the end of ver. 33, the omission of the first *καὶ* in some manuscripts having been assisted by the fact that *γυναικὶ* immediately precedes it. (2) As regards ver. 34 three groups of reading present themselves: (a) *η γυνη η αγαμος καὶ η παρθενος η αγαμος* supported by RAF 17, Memph., (b) *η γυνη η αγαμος καὶ η παρθενος*, BP Vulg. Bashm. Euseb. and others, (c) *η γυνη καὶ η παρθενος η αγαμος* DFG 37, 47 *fuld.* Pesh. Harkl. Method. These variants originated probably in the accident that in some very early manuscript, through the carelessness of the scribe or amanuensis, the words *η αγαμος* were written above the line or in the margin, and so were inserted subsequently in different places of the text. The choice seems to lie between (b) and (c). If we choose the first of these two alternatives, then we punctuate after *καὶ μεμέρισται* and render 'and he is distracted,' i.e. his allegiance is divided; a rendering for which Achilles Tatius v. 24 p. 343 may be quoted *ἐμεμέριστο πολλοῖς ἄμα τὴν ψυχήν, αἰδοῖ καὶ ὄργῃ καὶ ἔρωτι καὶ ζηλοτυπίᾳ*. The *γυνη η ἀγαμος* is then 'the widow,' one who was once married and remains unmarried. If however we prefer the second alternative, we punctuate after *γυναικὶ* and after *παρθένος*: and in this case *μεμέρισται* has a different meaning 'there is a distinction between' (as the

A. V. renders it). I venture to prefer this latter reading, though supported chiefly by Western authorities, from internal evidence; for the sentences then become exactly parallel. There is just the same distinction between the married woman and the virgin, as between the married and the unmarried man. The other view throws sense and parallelism into confusion, for *καὶ μεμέρισται* is not wanted with ver. 33 which is complete in itself. It also necessitates the awkward phrase *ἡ γυνὴ καὶ ἡ παρθένος μεριμνᾷ*. The reading *ἡ γυνὴ ἡ ἀγαμος καὶ ἡ παρθένος ἡ ἀγαμος* illustrates the habitual practice of scribes to insert as much as possible, and may be neglected.

35. *βρόχον ἐπιβάλλω*] The rendering of the A. V. ‘cast a snare’ conveys a false impression as to the Apostle’s meaning, because it suggests temptation instead of constraint: St Paul’s desire is not to fetter their movements, the metaphor being that of the halter. Compare Prov. vi. 21 (quoted by Meyer) *ἐγκλοίωσαι ἐπὶ σῷ τραχῆλῳ* and Philo *Vita Moys.* iii. 34 (II. p. 173) *βλέπω (τὴν ἐκ Θεοῦ βούθειαν) βρόχους τοῖς αὐχέσι περιβάλλουσαν κατὰ τῶν ἀντιπάλων ἔλκει κατὰ τῆς θαλάσσης κ.τ.λ.*

εὐπάρεδρον] A rarer word than *εὐπρόσεδρον* of the T. R., and better supported here. Similarly *παρεδρεύοντες* is the right reading in ix. 13. The form *πάρεδρος* occurs in Wisd. ix. 4 *τὴν τῶν σῶν θρόνων πάρεδρον σοφίαν* ‘the wisdom which is attendant on thy throne.’ Like *ἀπειπάστως* it is found here only in the N. T.

36. *ὑπέρακμος*] ‘of full age,’ rather than ‘past the flower of her age.’

37. These directions of St Paul must be judged in the light of two considerations. *First*, the recognized power of the father over his daughter, the ‘patria potestas,’ on which see Becker and Marquardt, v. 3 sq. *Secondly*, the way in which St Paul makes the question depend not on the wishes of the daughter but of the father, points doubtless to the form in which the matter was submitted to him in the letter of the Corinthians, viz. with special reference to the attitude of the father in such cases.

(f) *On widows specially* (vii. 39, 40).

39, 40. It is impossible to say what led St Paul to add these last two verses. It is conceivable that we have here an answer to a question raised in the Corinthian letter, or the subject may have sprung from something which has gone before. But however this may be, we have here the origin of the metaphor which was worked out a few months later in the Epistle to the Romans (vii. 1—3). A parallel case has been noted already on ver. 19 with regard to the Epistle to the Galatians. The influence of the passage in the Roman letter is traceable in the interpolation of *νόμῳ* after *δέδεται* from Rom. vii. 2, where it comes in naturally, the legal aspect underlying the whole passage.

39. μόνον ἐν Κυρίῳ] This expression is generally interpreted to imply that she must marry a Christian husband, if she marry at all. But the expression cannot be so pressed. It will only signify that she must remember that she is a member of Christ's body; and not forget her Christian duties and responsibilities, when she takes such a step. Marriage with a Christian only does not seem to be contained in the words, though that might be the consequence of her attempt to fulfil those duties.

40. οὐτως] For οὐτως see on ver. 26: for δοκω the note on iii. 18 δοκεῖ.

THE EPISTLES OF ST PAUL.

II.

THE THIRD APOSTOLIC JOURNEY.

4.

EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS.

ANALYSIS.

I. INTRODUCTION. i. 1—15.

i. *Salutation.* i. 1—7.

Paul called to be an Apostle to the Romans called as believers. Grace and peace in Jesus Christ.

ii. *Personal explanations.* i. 8—15.

His thanksgivings for them and his interest in them. His desire to see them and to impart some spiritual gift to them. His obligation to preach the Gospel to all men. He is not ashamed of the Gospel.

II. DOCTRINAL PORTION. i. 16—xi. 36.

i. *What is the Gospel?* i. 16—18.

A righteousness of God to every one that believeth, to the Jew first and then to the Greek. A righteousness by faith, just as the wrath of God falls on all impiety and unrighteousness.

ii. *State of the Gentile world.* i. 19—32.

They might have seen God through His works. They refused to see Him. They disputed, and they blinded their hearts. They worshipped men and beasts.

Therefore they were delivered over to impurity. Their shameless lusts. Their violent and unruly passions. Their lack of all natural affection. They not only did these things; but they took delight in those who did them.

iii. *State of the Jewish people.* ii. 1—29.

The Jews condemn the Gentiles and yet do the same things. Their wrong-doing and stubbornness will be equally punished. As the Jew has a priority of knowledge, so also he has a priority of condemnation. Those without the law and those under the law will both be judged by the standard under which they lived. The natural conscience is to the heathen as a rule.

The Jew has God's law, and is proud of his privileges. Yet he violates the law. Thus his circumcision is no better than the uncircumcision of the heathen. The mere outward token is worth nothing.

iv. *But if so, what is the meaning of the covenant?* iii. 1—20.

In other words, in what does the privilege of the Jew consist? It is great in many ways. First of all, the oracles of God were entrusted to the Jews.

But what if they disbelieved? Do you say that then the Jews have no preference? No, none at all. Their own Scriptures condemn them, as having sinned one and all. By the works of the law no flesh shall be justified before Him.

v. *To meet this universal failure, a universal remedy is found.* iii. 21—31.

This remedy is ‘a righteousness of God by faith in Jesus Christ,’ accorded to all, to Jew and Gentile alike. Past sins of the world have been overlooked, that now God might shew His righteousness.

We do not annihilate law by this: we confirm law.

vi. *But our father Abraham—what is the meaning of the covenant made with him?* iv. 1—25.

He is an example of this very principle, for he was justified through faith. For he that believeth in God Who justifieth the impious—his faith is counted for righteousness. Such is the language of the Psalms. Remember that Abraham was still uncircumcised at this time. It was not through circumcision, still less through law, that he was justified. Law worketh wrath, for it creates transgression.

Thus Abraham is the father of the faithful. He hoped against hope, and so was justified. This was written for our sakes, who believe on Him Who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead.

vii. *The results of this position of righteousness through faith.* v. 1—11.

- (a) Peace before God.
- (b) Confident boasting.
- (c) Patience under affliction.

The love of God has been manifested through the death of Christ: and this is an assurance that, as we have been reconciled through Christ’s death, so we shall be saved, shall live, in Christ’s life.

viii. *The terms ‘life’ and ‘death’ explained.* v. 12—21.

The parallel of the First and Second Adam. Through the First Adam death came into the world: through the Second, life. The death passed over all: so *a fortiori* the life.

The law only interposed to heighten the sense of sin, and so to increase the effect of grace.

ix. *What is to be the influence of all this on our conduct?* vi. 1—14.

Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? This is a contradiction of the very conception of our position. We have been crucified, have died, with Christ, to sin; we have risen, have been made alive to God, to righteousness.

Therefore we must recognize this death, this life, in our conduct. Sin shall be no longer your master, for ye are not under law, but under grace.'

- x. *But if so, if we are under grace, and not under law, shall we commit sin?* vi. 15—23.

No: you were slaves once to sin: now you are slaves to righteousness. What came of your former slavery? Death. What of your present slavery? Eternal life.

- xii. *The assertion substantiated, 'Ye are not under law.'* vii. 1—6.

The obligation of the law in the case of a contract is cancelled by death. The wife is free to marry when her husband dies.

So in Christ's body, death has interposed between you and the law, the law is dead to you and you to the law. The newness of the Spirit is substituted for the oldness of the letter.

- xiii. *But is not all this tantamount to saying that the law is sin?* vii. 7—24.

On the contrary, sin is revealed and condemned by the law. Sin is dormant and dead, until it is quickened by the law. Sin is then revived and I am slain. But the purpose of the law is life, though the actual result may be death to me. The object of the law is to deepen sin; and the conflict within myself vindicates the spirituality, the holiness, of the law.

True, I sin through the law; but I sin against my conscience, and therefore I testify to the holiness of the law. The holiness of the law is thus vindicated; but woe is me, wretched sinner, how shall I be rescued?

- xviii. *Thanks to God through Christ, there is no condemnation to those in Christ.* vii. 25—viii. 11.

Through Christ, God has freed us from sin and death. We have been transferred from the domain of the flesh to the domain of the Spirit. It is the Spirit of Christ that quickens our spirits, and it will quicken our mortal bodies also.

- xiv. *Therefore we are bound to live after the Spirit.* viii. 12—39.

The Spirit witnesses that we are sons and heirs. Thus present afflictions sink into insignificance: while we yearn for the future redemption. We hope and we trust, even where we cannot see.

For God hath foreknown and foreordained us; and if He is with us, who can oppose us? No sufferings, therefore, no sorrows, shall separate us from the love of God in Christ.

- xv. *But what about the Jews?* ix. 1—13.

I have unspeakable sorrow on their behalf, bearing in mind their great privileges. Yet God's word is true: not all Israel shall be saved. The Scriptures always speak of a part, e.g. in Isaac, and again in Jacob.

- xvi. *It is as God foreordains, not as man likes.* ix. 14—33.

So in Pharaoh's case. Yet what man shall impugn the purpose of God, Who moulds us as the potter his clay? The gathering-in of the Gentiles as well as the saved remnant of the Israelites is foretold by the

prophets. Heathendom has attained unto righteousness, Israel has stumbled on the rock of offence.

- xvii. *Thus the zeal of the Jews has been ineffectual, for they have sought righteousness in a false way.* x. 1—21.

Righteousness is of faith, which believes in Christ's death and Christ's ascension. Here Jew and Gentile are on a level. The Gospel must be preached to all, but all will not listen to the preaching. This too was foretold by the prophets. The Gentiles, it was predicted, should excite Israel to emulation.

- xviii. *Has God then rejected His people?* xi. 1—16.

No, it is now as of old. The faithful are few, and the apostates many. But their apostasy has brought salvation to the Gentiles. And ultimately the faith of the Gentiles will re-act and draw the Jews into the fold.

- xix. *Meanwhile the Gentiles have no ground for boasting.* xi. 17—36.

They are simply the wild graft on the cultivated tree. Their superiority is but for a time. Israel at length will be saved with them. Thus God hath concluded all under unbelief that He may have mercy upon all. Marvellous is the wisdom of God, to Whom be glory for ever.

III. PRACTICAL EXHORTATIONS. xii. 1—xv. 13.

Present your bodies a living sacrifice. Ye are limbs of Christ's body. The metaphor implies diversities of functions. Let each do his own work.

Observe charity in all forms. Overcome evil with good.

Be obedient to the temporal powers. They are God's delegates. Render to all their due, i.e. love thy neighbour as thyself. Love is the fulfilling of the law.

Let each man look to himself, and each respect the conscience of another.

So in the observance of days. So also in the observance of meats.

Let the strong especially deal tenderly with the scruples of the weak, and put no stumblingblock in his way.

We must not please ourselves, but each his neighbour.

God grant that you may so live in harmony, that with one accord with one mouth ye may glorify God.

Receive one another therefore, as Christ received you. For Christ came as a minister of the circumcision, that through Him the Gentiles also might be brought into the fold; and the prophecies might be fulfilled which spoke of the joint tribute of praise of Jews and Gentiles.

This do, and God will fill you with all joy in believing.

IV. PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS. xv. 14—xvi. 27.

i. *The Apostle's motive in writing the letter.* xv. 14—21.

This I am persuaded you will do ; but I have written to remind you, as your Apostle, as the Apostle of the Gentiles. As such I have preached the Gospel far and wide, not building on other men's foundations.

ii. *His intention of visiting them.* xv. 22—33.

For this reason I have been prevented from visiting you. But I hope to see you on my way to Spain. At present I am bound to Jerusalem, as bearer of alms for the poor brethren. Pray that I may be delivered from the unbelieving Jews there and may be free to visit you. I am persuaded that the blessing of God will attend my visit.

iii. *Greetings.* xvi. 1—20.

I commend you to Phebe, the bearer of this letter.

Salute all the saints by name. The Churches of Christ salute you.

I charge you to avoid divisions and offences. So will the God of peace crush Satan under your feet.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

iv. *Postscript.* xvi. 21—27.

Timothy, Lucius, Jason, Sosipater salute you.

I, Tertius, the amanuensis, salute you.

Gaius, my kind host, salutes you : so do Erastus and Quartus.

The Doxology.

CHAPTER I.

I. INTRODUCTION, i. 1—15.

1. **δοῦλος**] This is the earliest Epistle in which St Paul styles himself a ‘bond servant’ in the opening sentence. But in the Epistle which immediately precedes this (see *Galatians* p. 36 sq), the note of bondage is struck early (Gal. i. 10 Χριστοῦ δοῦλος οὐκ ἀν ἡμῖν) and is repeated at the close (Gal. vi. 17 τὰ στίγματα τοῦ Ἰησοῦ). In the ‘brands’ which are the badges of ownership we see the marks which he bore of persecution undergone in the service of Christ. Perhaps his late sufferings have something to do with the prominence here given to the word **δοῦλος**.

κλητὸς] The word is a protest not against those who denied his Apostleship, but against those who upheld human merit : see the note on 1 Cor. i. 1. As such it sounds the keynote of the Epistle, for it has its counterpart in the spiritual position of his hearers also (*vv. 6, 7 κλητοὶ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, κλητοῖς ἀγίοις*). ‘To the calling of God I owe my office, to the same calling you owe your place within the Christian fold’: comp. Rom. ix. 11, 12, 16.

ἀφωρισμένος] The word may refer either (1) to the fore-ordained purpose of God as in Gal. i. 15, or (2) to the conversion and potential call to the Apostleship (Acts ix. 15), or again (3) to the actual call and consecration to the Apostleship (Acts xiii. 2); or lastly it may include all three ideas. The word is actually used elsewhere of the first (Gal. i. 15) and of the third (Acts xiii. 2) of these events. Probably however the first idea would be more prominent in the Apostle’s mind when he used the expression here : carrying out as it does the sense of **κλητὸς** above, the origination as derived from God.

εἰς εὐαγγέλιον] i.e. to learn and to teach the Gospel : for the two were not separated in the minds of the earliest disciples and ought not ever to be.

2. **δι προεπιγγελατο**] The two leading ideas, as regards the results, in what follows are (1) the fulfilment of the Jewish expectations, and (2) the comprehension of the Gentiles. These two thoughts run through the Epistle in various forms and are gathered up in the final doxology (xvi. 25—27), where the words διά τε γραφῶν προφητικῶν are inserted

almost out of place in order to bring in the first, the fulfilment of the promise to the Jews. They are thus introduced in the salutation to show the purpose of the Epistle, which is conciliation, see *Biblical Essays*, p. 315. The description begins with a recognition of God's special office as regards the Jews, and expands into a declaration of this relation to the Gentiles (comp. i. 16, ii. 9, 10).

The force of the word *προεπηγγείλατο* lies in its prepositions, which show that salvation is something quite independent of human merit, the promise being at once *previous* and *absolute*. On *ἐπαγγελία* in the N.T. and its distinction from *ὑπόσχεσις* see the note on Gal. iii. 14.

διὰ τῶν προφητῶν] The preposition (*διὰ*) implies the divine source, the substantive (*προφήτης* not *μάντις*) the conscious, human agent. As connected with the words which follow (*ἐν γραφαῖς ἀρίσταις*), *διὰ* signifies the immediate vehicle, *ἐν* the permanent repository.

3. *περὶ τοῦ νιοῦ*] to be connected closely with *εὐαγγέλιον*.

τοῦ γενομένου] Compare the contrast in the language of Phil. ii. 6, 7 *ἐν μορφῇ Θεοῦ ὑπάρχων...ἐν ὁμοώματι ἀνθρώπων γενόμενος*, where see the notes. Here then the word *γενόμενος* implies a prior existence of the Son before the Incarnation.

ἐκ σπέρματος Δαυΐδ κατὰ σάρκα] i.e. Who on His human side fulfilled the condition, as the promised Messiah of the Jews; Who on His divine side etc. His Messiahship was after all only the lower aspect of His Person (*κατὰ σάρκα*). His personality as the Divine Word, the Teacher of Gentile as well as Jew, was His higher aspect. The reference to the descent from David occurs, as we might expect, most frequently in the Judaic Gospel (Matt. i. 1, 6, 20 : ix. 27, xii. 23, xv. 22, xx. 30, 31, xxi. 9, 15, xxii. 42 sq.); and in that part of St Luke's narrative which from internal evidence and external probability must have been derived from Jewish information (Luke i. 27, 32, 69, ii. 4, 11); but it is also found elsewhere, though rarely (John vii. 42, Acts xiii. 23, 2 Tim. ii. 8).

4. *τοῦ ὄρισθέντος]* 'determined' not absolutely but relatively; that is to say, with regard not to God's counsels, but to man's understanding; not 'constituted,' but 'defined,' 'declared.'

ἐν δυνάμει] i.e. power over the moral and the physical world, with a reference to His miracles (*δυνάμεις*) but not confined to these. The A.V. 'with power' is somewhat misleading.

κατὰ πνεῦμα ἀγιωσύνης] Is this expression to be taken as the antithetical clause to *κατὰ σάρκα* above? Probably; for though the parallelism is somewhat obscured by the interposition of *ἐν δυνάμει* and by the addition of *ἀγιωσύνης*, yet it is the emphatic part of the sentence, at least as antithetical to *κατὰ σάρκα*. In any case *πνεῦμα* is here not objective but subjective, and 'a spirit of holiness' would be a better rendering than that of the A.V.

Ἐν ἀναστάσεως νεκρῶν] The force of the preposition is 'out of,' and therefore 'owing to,' 'by reason of.' Though St Paul singles out this

one incident, he cannot mean to exclude other exhibitions of power. The Resurrection was the one crowning, decisive act which manifested His Sonship. It is also the crowning spiritual agency. Hence it sums up both the preceding phrases *ἐν δυνάμει* and *κατὰ πνεῦμα ἀγιωσύνης*. See the note on Phil. iii. 10 τὴν δύναμιν τῆς ἀναστάσεως αὐτοῦ. This prominence given to the doctrine of the Resurrection is a leading idea of the Roman letter (iv. 24, vi. 4, viii. 11, x. 9), and of St Paul elsewhere (Acts xvii. 31, xxvi. 23). The phrase here however is not *ἐξ ἀναστάσεως αὐτοῦ ἐκ νεκρῶν*, but the general resurrection of the dead is meant, which was implied in His Resurrection and of which His Resurrection was the firstfruits and the assurance. The expression is to be explained by St Paul's conception that the truth of man's resurrection stands or falls with the truth of Christ's Resurrection (1 Cor. xv. 12 sq.).

5. *δι' οὐ*] not *ἀφ' οὐ*. It is the preposition used of Christ, as the Logos, the expression of the Father (see on Gal. i. 1). *Ἀπὸ* is however used of the Son when the names of Father and Son are attached together (see ver. 7 below), and so conversely is *διὰ* (Gal. l.c.).

Θλίβομεν] we, i.e. the Apostles. St Paul never uses the epistolary plural: see on 1 Thess. ii. 4. The plural here forms a double purpose, excluding egotism, and forming a contrast to *ὑμεῖς* in the next verse.

χάριν καὶ ἀποστολὴν] The conjunction may be regarded as epexegetical, 'the gracious privilege of the Apostleship,' or 'the grace which fits for the Apostleship.' The Apostleship is itself the *χάρις*, as in Gal. ii. 9, Eph. iii. 2, 7, 8.

εἰς ὑπακοὴν πίστεως] '*unto obedience which springs from faith.*' Compare xvi. 26, where again the doxology is suggested by the introduction. The rendering of the two passages in the A.V. is inconsistent, 'obedience to the faith' (here), but 'the obedience of faith' (xvi. 26). Another instance of the subjective genitive after *ὑπακοὴ* in this Epistle occurs in xv. 18 *εἰς ὑπακοὴν ἔθνων*. For the meaning here compare Heb. xi. 8 *πίστει καλούμενος Ἀβραὰμ ὑπήκουσεν*. The expression is chosen to describe the true character of the Gospel: thus *πίστις*, like *χάρις* and *κλητὸς (-τοι)*, is a keyword.

ἐν πᾶσιν τοῖς θέντειν] i.e. extending far beyond the Jews, by virtue of the higher personality of our Lord.

ὑπὲρ τοῦ δόνατος αὐτοῦ] Involving the idea of person, dignity, authority: see on Phil. ii. 9 *τὸ δῶρον*.

6. *κλητοὶ Ἰησοῦν Χριστοῦ*] '*called to be Jesus Christ's*'; not '*called by Jesus Christ*', for the call is always ascribed to God the Father.

7. *πᾶσιν*] An allusion perhaps to the extensive and straggling character of the Church of the metropolis; or an endeavour to bind together the two sections of that Church (see on Phil. i. 4, and *Biblical Essays*, p. 312 sq.): 'to all, whether Jews or Gentiles; I make no difference.'

ἴν 'Ρώμῃ] On the omission of these words in some texts and the inferences therefrom see *Biblical Essays*, p. 287 sq.

ἀγαπητοῖς] The variant *ἐν ἀγάπῃ* has apparently arisen out of a combination of the two readings *τοῖς οὖσιν ἐν 'Ράμῃ ἀγαπητοῖς Θεοῦ* and *τοῖς οὖσιν ἐν ἀγάπῃ Θεοῦ*: see *Biblical Essays*, p. 288. For *ἀγίοις* see the notes on Phil. i. 1, Col. i. 2; for *χάρις ὑμῖν καὶ εἰρήνη* the note on 1 Thess. i. 1.

8. **πρῶτον μὲν]** The antithetical clause which should commence *ἔπειτα δὲ* (Heb. vii. 2), or at least *ἔπειτα* (James iii. 17), is lost in the crowd of thoughts which clamour for expression in the Apostle's mind; as e.g. Rom. iii. 2, 1 Cor. xi. 18, in both which cases the subsequent clauses are strung together continuously, as here, chiefly by the connecting particle *γάρ*. For a similar example in sub-apostolic literature see [Clem. Rom.] ii. § 3 *πρῶτον μὲν ὅτι ἡμεῖς οἱ ζῶντες κ.τ.λ.* where there is no balancing sentence.

εὐχαριστῶ] See the note on 1 Thess. i. 2.

τῷ Θεῷ μονι κ.τ.λ.] For the sense of close personal relationship expressed in the singular *μονι*, see the notes on Phil. i. 3, Gal. ii. 20. For the difference between *περὶ* (which is the reading here) and *ὑπὲρ* see on Gal. i. 4. For the hyperbole *ἐν δλῷ τῷ κόσμῳ* compare 1 Thess. i. 8 *ἐν παντὶ τόπῳ* with the note.

9. **μάρτυς γάρ κ.τ.λ.]** The same force of attestation occurs in Phil. i. 8: see also 2 Cor. i. 23, 1 Thess. ii. 5, 10.

λατρεύω] St Paul contrasts the formal and the spiritual *λατρεία* here and elsewhere in this epistle (Rom. xii. 1 *τὴν λογικὴν λατρείαν ὑμῶν*). For the technical sense of the terms *λατρεία*, *λατρεύειν* see the note on Phil. iii. 3, where, as here, *πνεύματι* occurs in the immediate context.

ἐν τῷ πνεύματι μον ἐν τῷ εὐαγγελίῳ] The first *ἐν* denotes the subjective atmosphere, the second the external sphere. For the repetition of *ἐν*, which is frequent in St Paul, see Phil. i. 20, 26, iv. 19, Col. i. 29, ii. 7, iii. 16 etc. 'My *λατρεία*', says the Apostle, 'is not a ritual, but a spiritual service; a service rendered not through the works of the law, but through the preaching of the Gospel. I am not less diligent than the straitest of my fellow-countrymen, but the sphere and the spirit of my diligence are different.'

ὡς ἀδιαλείπτως κ.τ.λ.] As *πάντοτε* cannot stand in the same clause with *ἀδιαλείπτως*, the stop must be placed after *ποιοῦμαι*. For *ἀδιαλείπτως* and *μνείαν ποιοῦμαι* see the notes on 1 Thess. v. 17 and 1 Thess. i. 2 respectively. The two phrases occur together in this latter passage.

10. **εὐδοθήσομαι]** 'my way shall be made plain.' The word is always found in the N.T. in the passive (1 Cor. xvi. 2, 3 Joh. 2). It soon loses its literal sense and becomes a metaphor. Here however, considering the subject, the primary meaning can hardly be obliterated: comp. Gen. xxiv. 21, 40, 42, 56 where it takes the cognate accusative *τὴν ὁδὸν*, but elsewhere (Gen. xxiv. 27, 48) it governs the accusative of the person directed.

11. **ἐπιποθέω]** See the notes on Phil. i. 8, ii. 26. St Paul frequently uses the verb with *ἰδεῖν* following, 1 Thess. iii. 6, 2 Tim. i. 4.

χάρισμα πνευματικὸν] What gifts and graces may be included under this term may be seen from 1 Cor. xii. 1 sq. They include (1) moral and spiritual (as *πίστις, προφητεία*), (2) intellectual (as *λόγος σοφίας, ἐρμηνεία γλωσσῶν*), (3) physical gifts (as *χαρίσματα λαμάτων, ἐνεργήματα δυνάμεων*). They are thus comprehensive alike in character and in the domain in which they are exercised. St Paul makes no difference between the natural and supernatural: 'all these,' he tells us, 'worketh the one and the same Spirit.' See further on 1 Thess. i. 7. There is nothing in the context which strictly limits *χάρισμα* here. It might include *ἐνεργήματα δυνάμεων*, supposing the Apostles had power to communicate such (Acts viii. 14 sq.). The spirit of the passage however points rather to moral and spiritual gifts in a stricter sense: comp. *εἰς τὸ στηριχθῆναι ὑμᾶς, διὰ τῆς ἐν ἀλλήλοις πίστεως*, and such are enumerated below, xii. 6.

12. **τοῦτο δέ ἔστιν]** '*I would rather say.*' This, not *τοῦτ' ἔστιν*, is the true reading here. The difference is important. *Τοῦτο δέ ἔστιν* is corrective as well as explanatory, *τοῦτ' ἔστιν* is explanatory merely. St Paul wishes to substitute something more appropriate for what he has just said. On second thoughts, he seems to himself to have arrogated too much in desiring to communicate some spiritual gift, to strengthen them. He has put himself in a position of superiority, from which he hastens to depose himself. '*I should not speak so,*' he says in effect: '*you are not the only gainers, I the only benefactor; the gain, the benefaction, is mutual.*' Whereas *τοῦτ' ἔστιν* occurs frequently in the N.T. (Rom. vii. 18, Philem. 12, Heb. ix. 11, xi. 16, xiii. 15 etc.), *τοῦτο δέ ἔστιν* is found here only.

συνπαρακληθῆναι] sc. *ἔμε.* The subject cannot be either (1) *ὑμᾶς*, as the construction of the preceding *στηριχθῆναι* would suggest, or (2) *ἡμᾶς* (i.e. *ὑμᾶς καὶ ἔμε*) as Dr Vaughan takes it. The *ἐν ὑμῖν* excludes both alike. The former would require *ἐν ἔμοι*, the latter *ἐν ἄντροις* or *ἐν ἀλλήλοις*. The force of the prepositions is, '*that I may be comforted (strengthened, encouraged) with and in you,*' the *συν-* preparing the way for *διὰ τῆς ἐν ἀλλήλοις πίστεως.*

ὑμῶν τε καὶ ἔμοι] Added to emphasize the mutual character of the benefit. This is introduced in the *συν-*, still further enforced in the *ἐν ἀλλήλοις*, and finally emphasized by *ὑμῶν τε καὶ ἔμοι*. And not only so, the addition rectifies the balance in another way. The usual Greek order would be *ἔμοι τε καὶ ὑμῶν* (for in classical language grammar swayed the order, just as on the other hand in modern parlance courtesy overrules the grammar). St Paul however departs from the natural order, that so he may give superior prominence to the faith of the Romans over his own.

13. **οὐθὲν]** The variant *οὐκ οἴομαι* (D*G) is perhaps connected with the abridgment of the Epistle: see *Biblical Essays*, p. 319.

πολλάκις προεθύμηται] The first indication of this purpose is to be found in Acts xix. 21, perhaps half a year or more before this Epistle

was written ; but the expression there (*δεῖ με καὶ Πόμπην ἰδεῖν*) implies a fixed, and probably a long-cherished, intention of visiting Rome. This intention may have gained definiteness from the moment when he fell in with Aquila and Priscilla at Corinth, six or seven years before he wrote this Epistle. They had left Rome because of Messianic disturbances there (Acts xviii. 2).

καὶ ἐκωλύθη ἄχρι τοῦ δεῦρο] I prefer to take this sentence independently and parenthetically, and not to connect it with *οὐ θέλω* : ‘albeit I was prevented.’ Compare 1 Thess. ii. 18. The *καὶ* thus becomes a quasi-Hebraism. The hindrance of which he speaks was the necessity of completing his work in Greece and the East (Rom. xv. 22, 23).

τινὰ καρπὸν σχάσῃς] For the metaphor compare Phil. i. 22, 1 Cor. iii. 6 sq., John iv. 36.

καθὼς καὶ] For the repetition of *καὶ* see on Col. iii. 13, 1 Thess. ii. 14, and comp. Eph. v. 23.

14. *Ἐλλησίν τε καὶ βαρβάροις]* A comprehensive description of the Gentile world. St Paul does not here mention the Jew; for the Jew was the special charge of the Apostles of the Circumcision: he only fell incidentally to St Paul. Therefore we need not ask whether in the Apostle’s mind the Jew is reckoned as *Ἐλλην* or *βάρβαρος*. He employs the latter word twice elsewhere. In Col. iii. 11 (where its exaggeration is *Σκύθης*) the Jew is obviously not included: in 1 Cor. xiv. 11 the word is used of a person speaking an unintelligible tongue and contains no idea of nationality. If it be asked under which head St Paul classes the Romans, we may reply that doubtless, had the question been put to him, he would have included them under *Ἐλλῆνες*: but perhaps he did not put the question definitely to himself. The circumstances of the Roman Church, which for two centuries was mainly Greek-speaking, did not require him to do so. For a full discussion of the word *βάρβαρος* see Col. iii. 11.

σοφοῖς τε καὶ ἀνοήστοις] This division is almost coincident with the former (comp. 1 Cor. i. 22): but while that regards civilisation as the line of demarcation, this makes intellectual progress the criterion of distinction.

ὁφειλέτης εἰμι] Another way of expressing the *ἀνάγκη* of 1 Cor. ix. 16.

οὗτος τὸ κατ’ ἑμὲ πρόθυμον] ‘*in pursuance of this principle* (or *in fulfilment of this obligation*), *my part is ready.*’ *Πρόθυμον* cannot be taken as a substantive, and rendered, ‘there is readiness on my part.’ The absence of the article and of the substantive verb is fatal to this interpretation. For *τὸ κατ’ ἑμὲ* compare *τὰ κατ’ ἑμὲ* Eph. vi. 21, Col. iv. 7, Phil. i. 12, Tobit x. 8, Esdr. i. 22.

II. DOCTRINAL PORTION, i. 16—xi. 36.

i. *What is the Gospel? (i. 16—18).*

16. οὐ γάρ ἐπαισχύνομαι κ.τ.λ.] The motive of *ἐπαισχύνομαι* here is explained by 1 Cor. i. 21, the context of which passage contains the expression δύναμις Θεοῦ twice used, as here, of the Gospel (1 Cor. i. 18, 24). The words τοῦ Χριστοῦ of the Textus Receptus after εὐαγγέλιον should be omitted, and ἐν αὐτῷ in the next paragraph referred to τὸ εὐαγγέλιον.

[Ιουδαῖφ τε πρώτον] Compare ii. 9, 10, where the same phrase occurs. Here however the word *πρώτον* is suspicious, as it is omitted in BG and Tertullian, and may have been interpolated from ii. 9, 10. If it be retained, it must refer to priority of time; for absolutely there is no distinction, as St Paul elsewhere states (ch. x. 12). Thus it will be explained by St Paul's language to the Jews at Antioch (Acts xiii. 46 ὑμῖν ἦν ἀναγκαῖον πρώτον λαληθῆναι τὸν λόγον τοῦ Θεοῦ) and by his constant practice everywhere. Even at Rome itself he did not act otherwise (Acts xxviii. 17, 28). In verse 17 of that passage τοὺς ὄντας τῶν Ιουδαίων πρώτους is translated in the A.V. 'the chief of the Jews,' and this seems to be the universal interpretation. But may it not be 'he called together first those who were of the Jews?' in which case for the use of the genitive we may compare Acts v. 17, ix. 2, 1 Tim. i. 20, 2 Tim. i. 15, ii. 17.

17. δικαιοσύνη Θεοῦ] The expression is common in St Paul (see iii. 5, 21, 22, x. 3, 2 Cor. v. 21: comp. James i. 20). The genitive should be rendered 'coming from God,' compare the phrase ὄργὴ Θεοῦ in the next verse, to which it is opposed. Similarly in the passage cited from St James ὄργὴ ἀνδρὸς is the antithesis to δικαιοσύνη Θεοῦ. In ch. x. 3 it is opposed to τὴν ἴδιαν (δικαιοσύνην) and must bear this meaning (see also a similar phrase and contrast in Phil. iii. 9, and Luke xvi. 15). The contrast then is between a righteousness appointed by God and a righteousness of our own making, and it may be illustrated by the parable of the publican and the Pharisee (esp. Luke xviii. 14). It cannot therefore mean here 'righteousness in the sight of God,' which is the meaning in iii. 20.

[ἐκ πίστεως εἰς πίστιν] Faith is the starting point, and faith the goal. For the phrase compare 2 Cor. iii. 18 ἀπὸ δόξης εἰς δόξαν, Rom. vi. 19 τῇ ἀνομίᾳ εἰς τὴν ἀνομίαν, John i. 16 χάριν ἀντὶ χάριτος.

[ὁ δὲ δίκαιος κ.τ.λ.] From Habak. ii. 4. The passage is quoted also in Gal. iii. 11 (where see the notes), and Heb. x. 38. I cannot doubt that *ἐκ πίστεως* is to be taken with ζήσεται, not with ὁ δίκαιος. For (1) the original seems certainly so to intend it; and in the LXX., whether we read μου *ἐκ πίστεως* or *ἐκ πίστεως μου* (see *Galatians*, p. 156 note 4), it

appears so to be taken. This is also the construction in the Targum Jonathan. (2) 'Εκ πίστεως here corresponds to ἐκ πίστεως in the former part of the verse, where it belongs, not to the predicate, but to the subject. It is here separated from ὁ δίκαιος, as it is there separated from δικαιοσύνη. (3) 'Ο δίκαιος ἐκ πίστεως is not a natural phrase, and, I think, has no parallel in St Paul. (4) The other construction takes the emphasis off 'faith,' which the context shows to be the really emphatic word, and lays it on the verb 'live.' In Gal. iii. 11 the context is still more decisive. For the Old Testament meaning of faith see *Galatians*, p. 154 sq., where this passage is discussed with others. The construction οὗτος ἐκ may be illustrated from 2 Cor. xiii. 4, where the phrase occurs twice.

18. ἀποκαλύπτεται γάρ] 'A righteousness of God is revealed, being required for the state of mankind; for a wrath of God is revealed and extends to all.' Thus the opening words of this verse correspond to the opening words of the last. Here however ἀποκαλύπτεται is placed first, and is emphatic, 'for there has been also another revelation.' In the individual, as in the race, this revelation must precede the other. The sense of sin, the sense of God's displeasure at sin, the sense that God will not overlook sin—this is the revelation of the ὄργη Θεοῦ.

ἀπ' οὐρανοῦ] to be taken with ἀποκαλύπτεται. It is added to give solemnity to the facts. The heavens open, as it were, and reveal the Righteous Judge (2 Thess. i. 7).

πᾶσαν] Extending to Jew as well as Gentile (comp. ii. 1, 9, 10), though the remaining part of the chapter refers specially to the Gentiles.

ἀσέβειαν καὶ ἀδικίαν] 'Ασέβεια against God, ἀδικία against men. The first precedes and entails the second: witness the teaching of this chapter.

τὴν ἀλήθειαν] The word involves two ideas; first, the confession of the One True God, as opposed to idols; secondly, the acknowledgment of Christ, as the manifestation of God the Father. The first is the prominent idea here; the second perhaps in St John.

κατεχόντων] 'grasping, possessing': comp. 1 Cor. xi. 2, xv. 2, Luke viii. 15, and see the antithesis of ἔχειν, κατέχειν in 2 Cor. vi. 10. The preposition κατὰ is no objection to this rendering. The strength of the word is its recommendation. They did grasp, did possess the truth potentially. Compare καθορᾶται below (ver. 20) and γνόντες (ver. 21). There was no doubt about the truth: at least there ought to have been none. They could not plead that it was slippery, that it eluded their grasp. Thus the preposition is really expressive here. Against the other interpretation, 'restraining, keeping down,' I would urge, first that τὴν ἀλήθειαν ἐν ἀδικίᾳ is an awkward expression in this sense; and secondly, that we want some statement here of the fact that they had the truth.

ii. *State of the Gentile world* (i. 19—32).

19. διότι] I say possessing, because' etc.

τὸ γνωστὸν] This may mean either 'known' or 'knowable.' The word however seems always to have the first sense in the N.T. For this passage compare Acts xv. 18. There are unseen truths behind all this, but the one essential thing was a known thing.

ἐν αὐτοῖς] 'among them'; rather than 'in them,' in the sense of 'in their hearts.' Comp. 1 Cor. xi. 19 ἵνα οἱ δόκιμοι φανεροὶ γένωνται ἐν ὑμῖν.

20. τὰ γὰρ ἀόρατα κ.τ.λ.] All which follows in this chapter shows a remarkable correspondence with Wisdom chs. xiii.—xv., a passage which St Paul must have had in his mind. See especially Wisdom xiii. 1, 5, 7, 10, 13, 14, xiv. 11, 12, 15, 23—27, xv. 11, xvi. 1. We must remember that the Book of Wisdom was written in Egypt where animals were worshipped. The general thought is well illustrated in ps.-Aristotle *de Mundo* 6 πάσῃ θνητῇ φύσει γενόμενος ἀθεώρητος ἀπ' αὐτῶν τῶν ἔργων θεωρεῖται ὁ Θεός.

ἀπὸ κτίσεως κόσμου] i.e. 'from the very beginning'; to be taken with καθορᾶται, not with τὰ ἀόρατα αὐτοῦ. For 'the invisible things,' i.e. His Person and attributes, are in themselves independent of time. On the vicissitudes of the word κόσμος see the note on Eph. ii. 2; on κτίσις the note on Col. i. 15.

καθορᾶται] 'are clearly discerned': the only passage where the word occurs in the N.T. The force of the preposition is shown in Job x. 4 ἦ ὥσπερ βροτὸς ὡρὰ καθορᾶς; 'or is Thy clear vision like the vision of a mortal?'

Θεότης] On this word and its distinction from θεότης see the note on Col. ii. 9.

εἰς τὸ εἶναι] 'so that they are.' The proper distinction between εἰς τὸ and πρὸς τὸ seems to be that εἰς denotes 'result,' πρὸς 'design' or 'purpose': but of course purpose may be indirectly implied in εἰς here.

ἀναπολογήτους] Arraigned before the bar of divine justice they have nothing to say. The same word is applied also to the Jew (ii. 1). It is a forensic term, not uncommon in the age of Polybius and later; but it is not found elsewhere in the LXX. and N.T. Cicero uses it (*ad Att. xvi. 7*) 'sed hoc ἀναπολόγητον.'

21. θέξασαν ἢ πάχαριστησαν] The first term denotes the objective worship, the second the reflexive feeling. On the duty of εὐχαριστία, as the crown of Christian worship in St Paul's teaching, see on 1 Thess. i. 2, v. 16.

ματαιώθησαν] See 2 Kings xvii. 15, Jerem. ii. 5, passages which the Apostle may be supposed to have had in his mind. At all events the train of thought is the same here. 'They followed foolishness (τὰ μάταια) and became foolish (μάταιοι) themselves.' Comp. Wisdom xiii. 1 μάταιοι

μὲν γὰρ πάντες ἀνθρωποι φύσει οἷς παρῆν Θεοῦ ἀγνῶσιά, Ps. xciv. 11 (quoted on 1 Cor. iii. 20, an Epistle written not long before this) Κύριος γνωσκει τοὺς διαλογισμοὺς αὐτῶν ὅτι εἰσὶ μάταιοι, where the correspondence to ἐν τοῖς διαλογισμοῖς αὐτῶν is noticeable.

διαλογισμοῖς] Here ‘inward questionings’: as generally in the N.T.; though not universally, see 1 Tim. ii. 8 and the note on Phil. ii. 14.

ἐσκοτίσθη] Of the three forms found in the LXX. σκοτάζω, σκοτίζω and σκοτώω, the second is the more usual in the N.T. (Matt. xxiv. 29, Mark xiii. 24, Rom. xi. 10, all however quotations, here and Rev. viii. 12); but the last is found (Eph. iv. 18 the true reading, Rev. ix. 2). Σκοτάζω does not occur. The celebrated passage in Clement of Rome (§ 36) δια τούτου ἡ ἀσύνετος καὶ ἐσκοτωμένη διάνοια τῷ μῶν ἀναθάλλει εἰς τὸ φῶς is a combination of this passage with Eph. iv. 18: accordingly we are not surprised to find a diversity of reading; ἐσκοτωμένη being read there, but the passage from Clement as quoted by Clement of Alexandria (*Strom.* iv. 16, p. 613) having ἐσκοτισμένη. See A. Jahn’s *Methodius* II. p. 77, note 453.

23. ηλλαξαν τὴν δόξαν ἐν ὁμοιώματι] An embedded quotation from Ps. cvi. (cv.) 20 (comp. Jer. ii. 11). The variant ηλλάξαντο seems to have come from the original passage, which, as being in the Psalms, would be well remembered. For a similar embedded quotation involving a similar motive see Phil. ii. 15. The whole context here is full of Old Testament phraseology, ἡ ἀσύνετος αὐτῶν καρδία (comp. Ps. lxxvi. 6), σοφοὶ ἐμαράνθησαν (comp. Is. xix. 11).

δόξαν] i.e. His attributes as manifested to men in His works, whether by the revelation of nature, or by the revelation of grace. On the other hand, the great manifestation, the culminating exhibition of His δόξα, in the Person and Life of Christ (John i. 14), was not vouchsafed to them.

ὁμοιώματι εἰκόνος] For the difference between these words, ὁμοιώμα implying a resemblance which may be accidental, εἰκὼν presupposing an archetype of which it is a copy, see on Col. i. 15. The distinction however has no very important bearing on this passage, and the genitive is the genitive of apposition or explanation, ‘a likeness which consists in an image or copy.’

φθαρτοῦ ἀνθρώπου κ.τ.λ.] ‘Ανθρώπου as in the mythologies of Greece and Rome, including the worship of the Emperor; πετειών, τετραπόδων, ἔρπετῶν as in Assyria and especially Egypt. For this latter class of idolatry see Deut. iv. 17 sq., and Wisdom xiii. ll. cc. which was probably the composition of an Alexandrian Jew. The cult of the crocodile, ibis, cat etc. was a theme of ridicule for Roman satirists (like Juvenal *Sat.* xv. 1 sq. ‘qualia demens Ægyptus portenta colit? crocodilon adorat Pars haec, illa pavet saturam serpentibus ibim’ etc.), as well as for Jewish writers (like Philo who is very severe *Legatio ad Caium* § 20 (II. p. 566) οἱ κύνας καὶ λύκους καὶ λέοντας καὶ κροκοδειλους καὶ ἄλλα πλείστα θηρία καὶ ἔνυδρα καὶ χερσαῖς καὶ πτηνὰ θεοπλαστοῦντες, ὑπὲρ ὅν βαροὶ καὶ ἱερὰ καὶ ναιὶ καὶ

τεμένη κατὰ πάσαν Αἴγυπτον ἔδρυνται, § 25 Θεοῦ κλῆσις οὕτως ἐστὶ σεμνὸν παρ' αὐτοῖς ὥστε καὶ Ἰθεσὶ καὶ ιοβίλοις ἀσπίσι ταῖς ἔγχωρίοις καὶ πολλοῖς ἔτεροις τῶν ἔξηγριωμένων αὐτῆς θηρίων μεταθεδάκασιν), and Christian (as the Sibylline Oracles see *proem.* vv. 60, 65 sq., iii. 29, 30 ματαίως δὲ πλανᾶσθε προσκυνέοντες ὄφεις τε καὶ αἰλουροῖς θύοντες).

24. διὸ παρέδωκεν αὐτοὺς] So ver. 26 διὰ τοῦτο παρέδωκεν αὐτούς, and again ver. 28 παρέδωκεν αὐτούς. Two facts must be noticed here. (1) This delivering up, this hardening the heart, is the second stage in the downward fall, not the first, in the language of Scripture. The first is in the man's own power. (2) This is not represented as a negative result of God's dealings, not as a permissive act, a passive acquiescence on His part. There is a stage in the downward course when by God's law sin begets more sin and works out its own punishment in the degradation of the whole man. Thus there are moral laws of God's government just as there are physical laws. This fact was perceived by thoughtful men even without the assistance of Christian teaching. See the celebrated passage of Persius *Satir.* iii. 35 sq. 'Magne pater divum, saevos punire tyrannos Haud alia ratione velis, quum dira libido Moverit ingenium, ferventi tincta veneno: Virtutem videant intabescantque relicita,' and compare the Jewish proverb *Pirke Aboth* iv. 5 'Merces praecepti praeceptum est et transgressionis transgressio.' Quite apart from revelation, all experience shows that this is a moral law.

ἐν ταῖς ἐπιθυμίαις] 'in their lusts'; not 'to their lusts,' which Dr Vaughan suggests as a possible rendering. True the LXX. by a common Hebraism has the construction παραδιδόναι ἐν as equivalent to παραδιδόναι εἰς: but here we have the thing to which the deliverance over is made expressed in a separate phrase εἰς ἀκαθαρσίαν. 'Ἐν ταῖς ἐπιθυμίαις must therefore represent 'the field or region in which the abandonment acted,' as Vaughan prefers to take it.

ἀπωλέσθαι] Compare in this sense ver. 26 εἰς πάθη ἀτιμίας and 1 Thess. iv. 4 τὸ ἑαυτοῦ σκένος κτᾶσθαι ἐν ἀγιασμῷ καὶ τῷψῃ. On the Christian reverence for the body see note on 1 Cor. vi. 13.

αὐτῶν ἐν αὐτοῖς] The correct reading, not αὐτῶν ἐν αὐτοῖς. On the other hand ἐν αὐτοῖς is the reading three verses below.

25. τῷ ψεύθει] 'the lie, the falsehood.' An expression used for an idol, both in the Old Testament (Hab. ii. 18) and in the New Testament (Rev. xxi. 27, xxii. 15). The idol is a lie in two senses; for it professes to be what it is not, and it leads others astray.

ἐσβάσθησαν] 'took as the objects of their devotion' (their σεβάσματα, comp. Acts xvii. 23). Σεβάζεσθαι is thus stronger than σέβεσθαι. For the connexion of idolatry and profligacy see the note on 1 Thess. ii. 3. It was the necessary consequence of deifying human passions. Fetish worship produces fetish morality. Unbelief or wrong-belief in religious matters will ultimately degrade morality.

26. διὰ τοῦτο] 'for this reason it was.' Very emphatic, taking up

and emphasizing the διὸ παρέδωκεν αὐτοὺς of ver. 24. A later stage in the downward course is reached in ver. 28.

27. κατεργάζομενοι] A very strong and a favourite word with St Paul at this time, occurring in this Epistle no less than eleven times, and eight times in the Epistles to the Corinthians.

28. ἐδοκίμασαν] On this word see the notes on 1 Thess. ii. 4, v. 21. The metaphor is that of testing coin, and the counterpart appears in ἀδόκιμον below. Just as they would not accept the knowledge of God as standard coin, so God refused to accept their minds. Compare Jerem. vi. 30 ἀργύριον ἀποδεδοκιμασμένον καλέσατε αὐτούς, ὅτι ἀπεδοκίμασεν αὐτοὺς Κύριος. 'Αδόκιμον thus becomes equivalent to κίβδηλον, and the two adjectives are found in close connexion elsewhere, e.g. Greg. Naz. *Orat.* iv. 10 (I. p. 82) οὐ κίβδηλον φάδην οὐδὲ ἀδόκιμον. For the construction of ἔχειν after δοκιμάζειν 'so as to have,' comp. 1 Thess. ii. 4.

παρέδωκεν αὐτοὺς] There are two stages, not three, described in God's abandonment of the wicked. *First*, they persisted in worshipping false gods, whereupon God let them follow their own flagitious passions (ver. 24 repeated in ver. 26). *Secondly*, they steeped themselves in flagitious passions, whereupon God suffered their mind to be wholly perverted and reprobate (ver. 28).

νοῦν] As ἀδόκιμον corresponds to the preceding ἐδοκίμασαν, so does νοῦν to the preceding ἐν ἐπιγνώσει. Vaughan well quotes Tit. i. 16. This is the aggravation of their moral state. This is the second and final stage in their abandonment by God. The higher part of their nature is gone.

29. πεπληρωμένους, μεστούς] The wrong-doing, the degrading passion, is not now occasional. It is they, and they are it. Comp. Plato *Gorgias* § 80, p. 525 Αὐτὸν ἔξουσίας καὶ τρυφῆς καὶ ὑβρεως καὶ ἀκρατίας τῶν πράξεων ἀσυμμετρίας τε καὶ αἰσχρότητος γέμουσαν τὴν ψυχὴν εἰδεν, *Respubl.* ix. § 6, p. 579 Εἴ φόβουν γέμων διὰ παιτὸς τοῦ βίου, σφαδασμῶν τε καὶ ὄδυνῶν πλήρης.

πάσῃ ἀδικίᾳ κ.τ.λ.] There are many variants in the list of sins which follow. The word πορνείᾳ at all events ought to be struck out of the text for two reasons. (1) It seems to have been introduced as an explanation (and a wrong one) of πλεονεξίᾳ. (2) It is out of place here. The sins here enumerated are of a different kind. In the former part St Paul had spoken of passions which degrade the man himself. Here he speaks of vices which make him intolerable to others. The resemblance in form to πονηρίᾳ which precedes, assisted in the corruption of the text. The most probable reading is πάσῃ ἀδικίᾳ πονηρίᾳ πλεονεξίᾳ κακίᾳ, or possibly the order of the last two terms should be reversed. Thus we obtain a natural grouping. First come the outward acts, ἀδικίᾳ, πονηρίᾳ, πλεονεξίᾳ 'injustice, rascality, graspingness.' Then follows the inward disposition, κακίᾳ 'viciousness.' *Kakia* denotes the pleasure taken in injuring others, where vice has become habitual, and where injury is done to others, not for the sake of gain but for its own sake. For the

distinction between *κακία* and *πονηρία* see on Col. iii. 8, and for *πλεονεξία* Col. iii. 5. *Πλεονεξία* is the disposition which is ever ready to sacrifice one's neighbour to oneself in all things, not in money dealings merely.

φθόνου, φόνου] See the note on Gal. v. 21 *φθόνοι, φόνοι* where *φόνοι* is of doubtful authority. The alliteration decided the juxtaposition here, as in *ἀσυνέτους, ἀσυνθέτους* (ver. 30).

ψύχριστάς, καταλάλους] The secret and the open detractors respectively. See Tac. *Ann.* vi. 7 ‘cum primores senatus infimas etiam delationes exercent, alii propalam, multi per occultum.’ It seems probable that St Paul here had the ‘delatores’ in his mind. He is especially dwelling on heathen vices, and at this time ‘delatio’ was among the most prominent and crying vices of Rome. For the combination comp. 2 Cor. xii. 20, 1 Pet. ii. 1.

30. *θεοστυγεῖς* ‘hateful to God,’ rather than ‘God-haters.’ There seems indeed to be no authority for the active meaning. The phrase is explained in Clement of Rome § 35 *ταῦτα γὰρ οἱ πράσσοντες στυγητοὶ τῷ Θεῷ ὑπάρχονται*, a passage which is a reminiscence of Rom. i. 29 sq., and can be illustrated from Wisdom xiv. 9 *μωτὴ Θεῷ καὶ ὁ ἀσεβῶν καὶ ἡ ἀσέβεια αὐτοῦ*, a work of which (as I have remarked before, see on ver. 20) the context is full. Philo, *ap.* John Damasc. *Sacr. Parall.* p. 436 D, speaking of informers calls them *διάβολοι καὶ θείας ἀπόπεμπτοι χάριτος θεοστυγεῖς τε καὶ θεομοιχεῖς πάντη*.

ὑβριστάς, ὑπερηφάνους, ἀλαζόνας] The first term implies disregard for others, the second and third terms exaltation of self; with this distinction however that *ὑπερηφάνους* means ‘arrogant in thought,’ *ἀλαζόνας* ‘brag-garts in words and gestures.’

The rendering of *ὑβριστάς* in the A.V. by ‘despiteful’ is an archaism rather than a mistranslation for ‘insolent’: comp. the rendering in Heb. x. 29 *ἐνυβρίσας* ‘done despite unto.’

ἔφευρετας κακῶν] i.e. inventors of new forms of vice. Comp. Tac. *Ann.* vi. 1 ‘ignota antea vocabula reperta sunt’; and the consequences were what the Apostle describes here, see the letter of Tiberius (ch. 6) which commences ‘quid scribam vobis, patres conscripti, aut quomodo scribam, aut quid omnino non scribam hoc tempore, di me deaeque peius perdant quam perire me quotidie sentio, si scio’; to which the historian adds the words, ‘adeo facinora atque flagitia sua ipsi quoque in supplicium verterant. neque frustra praestantissimus sapientiae firmare solitus est, si recludantur tyrannorum mentes posse aspici laniatus et ictus quando ut corpora verberibus ita saevitia, libidine, malis consultis animus dilaceretur. quippe Tiberium non fortuna, non solitudines protegebant quin tormenta pectoris suasque ipse poenas fateretur.’

γονέων ἀπειθεῖς] Comp. 1 Tim. i. 9, 2 Tim. iii. 2.

31. *ἀστόργους*] The insertion of *ἀσπόνδους* after *ἀστόργους* in the T.R. may have arisen either as a gloss on *ἀσυνθέτους*, or as a reminiscence of 2 Tim. iii. 3 where *ἀσπόνδοι* follows *ἀστόργοι*.

32. οὐτίνες κ.τ.λ.] ‘men who knowing well the ordinance of God.’ ‘Ordinance,’ rather than ‘judgment’ (A.V.), is the meaning of δικαίωμα here: the former implies a general legal enactment, the latter an individual verdict.

πράσσοντες] ‘practise.’ This is the staple of their conduct. A different word ποιοῦσιν is used below, where simple ‘doing’ is intended to be implied. The same contrast is found in ii. 3. The word θανάτῳ is best explained here of spiritual death.

οὐ μόνον κ.τ.λ.] Jowett takes this as an anticlimax, and declares that it cannot ‘be maintained, as a general proposition, that it is worse to approve than to do evil.’ Surely this is a mistake. Many a man from passion or self-interest will do what his conscience does not approve; but to instigate others to do, to take pleasure in doing, what is sinful, is an aggravation of his state.

συνευδοκοῦσιν] ‘sympathize with,’ and so stimulate and encourage by their sympathy. The variants ποιοῦντες, συνευδοκοῦντες found in B, and some manuscripts of the Latin Vulgate, and known to Origen, Isidore of Pelusium and Epiphanius, seem to have been read by Clement of Rome § 35 οὐ μόνον δὲ οἱ πράσσοντες αὐτὰ ἀλλὰ καὶ οἱ συνευδοκοῦντες αὐτοῖς: and the attempts to complete the construction discernible in the insertion of οὐκ ἐνόησαν of D and the οὐκ ἔγνωσαν of G after ἐπιγνόντες above, point in the same direction. But if, as is possible, this was the original reading, it may have been an error of Tertius the amanuensis, in the hurry of writing what was dictated to him. Clement of Rome appears to have taken the words ποιοῦντες, συνευδοκοῦντες to refer to οἱ τὰ τοιαῦτα πράσσοντες κ.τ.λ., but this is surely wrong. Still Clement’s testimony to the reading is of the highest importance, as he may have had the Apostle’s autograph before him, when he wrote.

CHAPTER II.

iii. *State of the Jewish people* (ii. 1—29).

IT is worth while to observe the identity of plan discernible in this chapter and in the last. As in the last section (i. 18—32) St Paul began with a general proposition, and made no direct reference to the Gentiles, this general proposition however involving the condition of the Gentiles as a class; and thence proceeded to the special sins of the Gentiles as a class: so here he starts from a general statement, which implicitly contains a description of the condition of the Jews as a class, though there is no mention of the Jews; and goes on to condemn the Jew through this general statement, though he does not refer directly to him till ver. 17.

Again the universality of the statement is emphasized in each case (i. 18 ἐπὶ πᾶσαν ἀσέβειαν, ii. 1 πᾶς ὁ κρίνων). The Jew, who falls into Gentile profligacy, falls under Gentile condemnation; and the Gentile, who indulges in Jewish pride and self-righteousness, will be punished as if he were a Jew. As a last point of coincidence the two general ordinances are bound together by the repetition of the word ἀνατολόγητος (i. 20, ii. 1). There is no escape either for the one or for the other.

1. ὁ κρίνων] The parable of the Pharisee and Publican is the best commentary on this whole section: compare especially ii. 17—19 with the terms in which the parable is introduced (Luke xviii. 9).

κατακρίνεις] For St Paul's frequent use of compounds of κρίνειν see the note on 1 Cor. ii. 15.

2. ἔστιν κατὰ δλήθειαν] The verb is slightly emphatic, as its position shows. It implies the absolute character of God's judgment. Κατὰ δλήθειαν may be illustrated from John vii. 24.

3. σὺ] The pronoun is emphatic; 'thinkest thou that thou shalt prove an exception to the general rule?' The Jews held that the judgment was for the Gentiles only, not for the Israelites, the true servants of Messiah. The Apostle's reminder is an echo of the Baptist's language (Matt. iii. 8, 9).

4. οὐ] This is the alternative. 'If you do not trust your own powers of evasion, it follows that you must despise the lavish mercy of God.' Thus vv. 3, 4 set forth the two grounds on which his hearers hoped to go unpunished.

χρηστότητος, ἀνοχῆς, μακροθυμίας] The distinction between *χρηστότης*, *neutral*, ‘a kindly disposition towards one’s neighbours’ not necessarily taking an active form, and *μακροθυμία*, *passive*, ‘patient endurance under injuries inflicted by others,’ is set forth in the note on Gal. v. 22, where the two words work up to the *active* correlative, *ἀγαθωσύνη*, ‘goodness, beneficence’ as an energetic principle. There however the terms are applied to human agents; here as applied to God the distinction is somewhat different, *χρηστότης* implying His ‘gracious dealings,’ *ἀνοχή* His ‘forbearance,’ His ‘suspension of judgment,’ *μακροθυμία* His ‘long-suffering.’ Thus *ἀνοχή*, which in classical Greek signifies a suspension of arms, ‘indutiae,’ represents a transient state of things which ‘after a certain lapse of time...unless other conditions intervene, will pass away’ (Trench *N.T. Syn.* § liii. p. 199). Accordingly in one of the two passages in which it occurs in the N.T. it is connected with the *πάρεστις ἀμαρτημάτων* (Rom. iii. 25) anterior to the knowledge of the atoning work of Christ.

τὸ χρηστὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ] i.e. ‘not knowing that the true purpose of God’s goodness is the very reverse of this, intended not to encourage you to sin, but to lead you to repentance.’

5. **Θησαυρίζεις** ‘storest up.’ The idea of *θησαυρίζειν* is gradual accumulation: ‘irae divinae judicia paulatim coacervari, ut tandem universa promantur’ Wolf (*Cur. Phil.* iv. 38). The words *ἐν ἡμέρᾳ ὀργῆς* contain an abridged expression, with the meaning ‘so that they will be accumulated upon you in the day of wrath’: see the notes on 1 Thess. iii. 13 *ἀμέμπτους*, where other examples are given, and Phil. iv. 19 *ἐν δόξῃ*. This appears to be the true sense in James v. 5 also *ἐν ἡμέρᾳ σφαγῆς*. On this Pauline use of *ἡμέρα* see the notes on 1 Thess. v. 2, 4.

6. **ὅς ἀποδώσει κ.τ.λ.]** From the LXX. of Prov. xxiv. 12, a favourite quotation in the N.T., occurring in St Paul here and 2 Tim. iv. 14, in Matt. xvi. 27 and Rev. xxii. 12. Clement of Rome (§ 34) cites it, probably from Rev. 1. c., and characteristically combines it with other Old Testament passages. His namesake of Alexandria (*Strom.* iv. 22, p. 625) copies it from the Roman Clement.

κατὰ τὰ ἔργα αὐτοῦ] Explained by the words which follow *καθ’ ὑπομονὴν ἔργου ἀγαθοῦ*. St Paul’s doctrine of justification by faith must be qualified and interpreted by such expressions as these.

7. **[ἰωὴν αἰώνον]** sc. *ἀποδώσει*. This must be the construction, for the accusatives *δόξαν*, *τιμήν*, *ἀδιθαρσίαν* cannot be separated from *ζητούσιν*.

8. **τοῖς δὲ ἐξ ἐριθείας]** Instead of the usual explanation ‘those whose starting-point is party-feeling’ (comp. iv. 14 *οἱ ἐκ νόμου*, Gal. iii. 7 *οἱ ἐκ πίστεως*), it is perhaps better to supply *πράσσουσιν* ‘those who act from party-feeling.’ Certainly where the expression occurs again (Phil. i. 17 *οἱ ἐξ ἐριθείας*), it is not, as some suppose, elliptical, but *καταγγέλλοντας* has to be supplied: see the note on *ἐξ ἀγάπης* there. For *ἐριθεία* see on Gal. v. 20, Phil. ii. 3. The phrase is especially appropriate to the Judaizing tendencies, where party was set before truth (Phil. i. 17).

όργη καὶ θυμὸς κ.τ.λ.] The construction of the sentence presents certain difficulties, owing to three main peculiarities of structure. (1) There is a change, the nominatives **όργη κ.τ.λ.** occurring where the parallel to **ζωὴν αἰώνιον** would require accusatives. We must not however remedy this by placing a full stop after **ἀδικίᾳ**; for, though this would simplify the construction, it would be harsh and not at all after St Paul's manner. (2) The expression **ἐπὶ πᾶσαν ψυχὴν...** ‘**Ἐλληνος** ‘extending to every soul of man’ etc. is a sort of afterthought. The first idea of the sentence **ἔξ ἐριθείας** refers mainly to the Jew; but, as in other cases, the Apostle hastens to make the proposition universal. (3) Lastly, the change of form in the sentence and its extension lead to the addition **δόξα δὲ...** ‘**Ἐλληνι**, which finally destroys whatever symmetry remained.

9. θλίψις καὶ στενοχωρία] We gather from 2 Cor. iv. 8 **θλιβόμενοι ἀλλ' οὐ στενοχωρούμενοι** that **στενοχωρία** is the stronger word. The terms are perhaps to be distinguished as the temporary and the continuous. More strictly, we may say that the opposite to **θλίψις** ‘compression’ is **ἀνεστις** ‘relaxation’ (on which word see 2 Thess. i. 7), the opposite to **στενοχωρία** is **πλατυσμὸς** or **εὐρυχωρία** ‘enlargement, room to move in.’ Here, and in viii. 35, both expressions are derived from Is. viii. 22. On **θλίψις** and kindred words see the note on 1 Thess. iii. 7 **ἀνάγκη καὶ θλίψις**.

κατεργαζομένουν] ‘*who worketh out, worketh deliberately.*’ Below (ver. 10) it is **τῷ ἐργαζομένῳ** simply.

πρῶτον] As the Jew has priority of privilege, so he has also priority of penalty.

11. οὐ γάρ] referring to **παντὶ τῷ ἐργῷ**. The **πρῶτον** is overlooked, as being merely incidental and not affecting the **ἀπροσωπολημψία** of God. On **προσωπολημψία** see the note on Gal. ii. 6 **πρόσωπον λαμβάνειν**.

12. ὅσοι γάρ] ‘All alike, for whether under law or not under law, they shall be judged according to their condition.’

13. οὐ γὰρ οἱ ἀκροαταὶ κ.τ.λ.] The sentence is connected with **ἐν νόμῳ ήμαρτον**. ‘For the mere facts that they are under law, that they are children of Abraham, that Moses is read among them every Sabbath-day (Acts xv. 21), will not rescue them.’ Compare James i. 22, 23, 25. For **ἀκροαταὶ** of hearing without action see the description given by Cleon of the character of the Athenians (Thuc. iii. 38) **εἰώθατε θεαταὶ μὲν τῶν λόγων γίγνεσθαι, ἀκροαταὶ δὲ τῶν ἔργων**.

νόμου, νόμου] The article is omitted because a general principle is stated. The reference is doubtless to the Mosaic law; but the Apostle divides mankind into two classes—those under law, and those not under law.

δικαιωθήσονται] The change of expression from **δίκαιοι** is perhaps intentional. The one are not *ipso facto* just: the others will be made just.

14. ὅταν γάρ] The fourth **γὰρ** in succession. ‘The doers of the law, I say; for the principle must be wide enough to admit Gentiles also. They too in a certain sense have a law (**νόμος**) and so they have a capacity of fulfilling it (of being **ποιηταὶ νόμου**).’

ἔθνη τὰ μὴ νόμον ἔχοντα] ‘Gentiles, classes, that is to say, who have not law.’

ἴαυτοῖς εἰσὶν νόμος] They have a standard of right and wrong in their own consciences which acts as a law to them. Many parallels have been adduced (by Wetstein and others) from classical authors, e.g. Arist. *Eth. Nic.* iv. 8. (14) ὁ δὴ χαρίεις καὶ ἀλευθέριος οὗτος ἔξει οἷον νόμος ὁν ἔαυτῷ, *Polit.* III. xiii. 14 κατὰ δὲ τῶν τοιουτῶν οὐκ ἔστι νόμος· αὐτὸι γάρ εἰσι νόμος, Manilius v. 495 ‘ipse sibi lex est.’ But in all these passages the sense is different. In these it denotes independence, and even (as in the last quoted) self-will. Whereas here the expression implies self-restraint. More to the point is Philo *de Abrab.* § 46 (II. p. 40 ed. Mangey) οὐ γράμματιν ἀναδιδαχθεὶς ἀλλ’ ἀγράφῳ τῇ φύσει σπουδάσας ὑγιαινούσαις καὶ ἀνόσοις ὄρμαῖς ἐπακολουθῆσαι. περὶ δὲ ὅν ὁ Θεὸς ὁμολογεῖ, τί προσήκεν ἀνθρώπους ἡ βεβαιότατα πιστεύειν; τοιοῦτος ὁ βίος τοῦ πρώτου καὶ ἀρχηγέτου ἐστὶ τοῦ ἔθνους, ὡς μὲν ἔνιοι φήσουσι, νόμιμος· ὡς δὲ ὁ παρ’ ἐμοῦ λόγος ἔδειξε, νόμος αὐτὸς ὁν καὶ θεομός ἀγραφος.

15. γραπτὸν ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις αὐτῶν] For the metaphor see Jerem. xxxi. 33, 2 Cor. iii. 3. It is sustained throughout. ‘Their heart is their statute-book ; their conscience is their witness ; their reflexions are their prosecutors or their advocates ; God Himself is their Judge.’

ἢ καὶ] ‘or, it may happen’—implying that it is a comparatively rare case. Compare 2 Cor. i. 13 ἀ ἀναγνώσκετε ἢ καὶ ἐπιγνώσκετε, Matt. vii. 10, Luke xviii. 11.

16. ἐν ἡμέρᾳ ὅτε] The process is now going on ; but the summing up, the verdict, will take place then. On this brachylogy of ἐν see above on ver. 5 ἐν ἡμέρᾳ ὅργης. Of the various readings in this clause ἐν ἡμέρᾳ ὅτε is the best supported, but ἐν ἥ ἡμέρᾳ perhaps the most probable on internal grounds. Κρίνει however is certainly to be read for κρινεῖ, in accordance with St Paul’s usual preference of the present in similar cases for the sake of vividness: see the instances collected on 1 Thess. i. 10 τῆς ἐρχομένης, v. 2 ἐρχεται, 2 Thess. ii. 9 ἐστίν, 1 Cor. v. 13 τὸν δὲ ἔξω ὁ Θεὸς κρίνει, and comp. Luke xvii. 30 ἥ ἡμέρᾳ ὁ νὺξ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἀποκαλύπτεται, a good parallel to this passage.

τὸ εὐαγγέλιον μου] The phrase occurs also ch. xvi. 25, 2 Tim. ii. 8. So τὸ εὐαγγέλιον ἡμῶν 2 Cor. iv. 3, 1 Thess. i. 5, where he associates others with himself. He appeals to the preaching of the Second Advent and the Judgment, the topic of the Epistles to the Thessalonians and of his speech before the Areopagus (Acts xvii.), the characteristic of the first stage of his teaching (see *Biblical Essays*, p. 224 sq.). It is an idle fancy which sees in the phrase an allusion to St Luke’s Gospel.

17. ἐπονομάζῃ] ‘thou art surnamed’; as an honourable distinction, with perhaps a notion of its not being their proper name (see vv. 28, 29). The word occurs here only in the New Testament.

τὸ θελημα] i.e. ‘the divine will.’ It is used thus absolutely by St Paul here with the definite article, elsewhere (1 Cor. xvi. 12 πάντως οὐκ ἦν θελημα

*ίνα νῦν ἔλθῃ) without it. Examples of both kinds appear frequently in the Ignatian Epistles, *Polyc.* 8 ὡς τὸ θέλημα προστάσοιτε, *Eph.* 20 ἐὰν...θέλημα γίγνεται, *Rom.* 1 ἐάνπερ θέλημα γίγνεται τοῦ ἀξιωθῆναι με, *Smyrn.* 1 νιὸν Θεοῦ κατὰ θέλημα καὶ δύναμιν, *ib.* § 11. So too Clem. Alex. *Strom.* vi. 18 (p. 826) θελήματι θέλημα καὶ τῷ ἀγίῳ πνεύματι τὸ ἄγιον πνεύμα θεωρεῖν ἐθίζοντες. On the other hand, of the devil Heracleon said that he μὴ ἔχειν θέλημα ἀλλ’ ἐπιθυμίας, Orig. in *Joann.* xx. § 20 (IV. p. 339). In the passage before us this absolute use is obscured by the proximity of Θεῷ, and in 1 Cor. 1. c. θέλημα is almost universally misunderstood as applying to Apollos himself. Compare the absolute use of ἡ ὄργη (1 Thess. ii. 16, Rom. v. 9, xii. 19), τὸ σὸνομα (Phil. ii. 9). These instances ‘indicate, as I believe, the true reading in Rom. xv. 32 ἵνα ἐν χαρᾷ ἔλθω πρὸς ὑμᾶς διὰ θελήματος, where various additions appear in the MSS. Θεοῦ in AC, Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ in B, Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ in N, Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ in DFG, but where θέλημα appears to be used absolutely’ (*On a Fresh Revision of the English N. Test.*, 1891, p. 118).*

18. **δοκιμάζεις τὰ διαφέροντα]** Not ‘things which are opposed,’ as good and bad (so for instance Fritzsche *Rom.* 1. p. 129), for it requires no keen moral sense to discriminate between these—but ‘things that transcend,’ ‘ex bonis meliora’ in Bengel’s words. The phrase occurs also Phil. i. 10.

κατηχούμενος] ‘instructed.’ For the word see on Gal. vi. 6.

19. **όδηγὸν τυφλῶν κ.τ.λ.]** The Apostle uses with a latent irony just the terms in which the Jew would describe himself. For ὁδηγὸν τυφλῶν see Wetstein on Matt. xv. 14, for παιδευτὴν ἀφρόνων Prov. xvi. 22, Heb. xii. 9, for νηπίων in this sense, Heb. v. 13.

20. **τὴν μόρφωσιν]** Compare 2 Tim. iii. 5, where the word occurs again. The μόρφωσις is something different from the μορφή. It is the rough-sketch, the pencilling of the μορφή. Hence it signifies (1) the outline, the framework as it were, like ἴποτύπωσις in St Paul’s Epistles; (2) the outline without the substance (2 Tim. 1. c.). In μορφή is involved the idea of ‘reality,’ ‘substance.’ This may appear incidentally in μόρφωσις, but it is not inherent in the word.

22. **ὁ βθελυσσόμενος κ.τ.λ.]** Had anything occurred which suggested this contradiction to St Paul? Wetstein refers to Josephus *Ant.* xviii. 3, 5, where it is related that certain Jews appropriated some gifts destined by Fulvia, a proselytess, for the Temple at Jerusalem. This took place in the reign of Tiberius. The incident however does not meet the case here. Obviously St Paul refers to robbing an idol’s temple, making gain out of the very things which they professed to abominate. Doubtless some instance had occurred, in which Jews, under pretence of detestation of idolatry, had plundered some heathen temples and gained booty thereby. See Acts xix. 37, a passage which seems to show that such outbreaks were not unusual, arising sometimes perhaps from sincere fanaticism, sometimes from sordid avarice.

Somewhat similarly Josephus, when expounding Jewish law to his Gentile readers, says (*Ant.* iv. 8. 10) βλασφημεῖτω δὲ μηδεὶς Θεοὺς οὐς πόλεις

ἄλλαι νομίζουσι· μὴ συλάν ιερὰ ἔνεικά, μηδ' ἀν ἐπωνομασμένον ἢ τινι θεῷ κειμήλιον λαμβάνειν. This is a comment on Exod. xxii. 28 θεὸς οὐ κακολογήσεις, Deut. vii. 25, 26 τὰ γλυπτά τῶν θεῶν αὐτῶν καύσετε πυρί· οὐκ ἐπιθυμήσεις ἄργυριον οὐδὲ χρυσίον ἀπ' αὐτῶν οὐ λήψη σεαυτῷ...ὅτι βδελυγμα Κυρίῳ τῷ Θεῷ σου ἔστι, to which latter passage St Paul (like Josephus) would seem to refer. Philo is no less explicit (*Vita Moys.* iii. 26, II. p. 166) ξοάνων γάρ καὶ ἀγαλμάτων καὶ τοιουτορόπων ἀφιδρυμάτων ἡ οἰκουμένη μεστὴ γέγονεν, ὃν τῆς βλασφημίας ἀνέχειν ἀναγκαῖον ἵνα μηδεὶς ἐθίζηται τῶν Μωϋσέως γνωρίμων συνόλως θεοῦ προσρήσεως ἀλογεῖν. Similarly Origen (c. *Cels.* viii. 38) quotes the passage in Exodus already referred to against Celsus' contention that the Christians are accustomed to boast that they reviled heathen gods with impunity, and supports his statement by the general teachings of St Paul (Rom. xii. 14, 1 Cor. vi. 10) in this direction.

23. ἐν νόμῳ καυχᾶσαι] Compare Eccl. xxxix. 8 ἐν νόμῳ διαθήκῃς Κυρίου καυχήσεται.

24. τὸ γὰρ ὄνομα κ.τ.λ.] From the LXX. of Isaiah lii. 5 δι' ὑμᾶς διαπαντὸς τὸ ὄνομά μου βλασφημεῖται ἐν τοῖς ἔθνεσσι. In the Hebrew however there is nothing to correspond either with δι' ὑμᾶς or ἐν τοῖς ἔθνεσσι; and the sentiments in the original seem to be different from St Paul's application, alluding as it does to the persecution of the Jews in captivity. This persecution however and this captivity were a punishment for their sins; thus the additions give correct sense. The purport of St Paul's language here is found in Ezek. xxxvi. 20—23, though the expression there is different. Compare 1 Tim. vi. 1, Tit. ii. 5, perhaps reminiscences of the same text; Clement of Rome, § 47 ὥστε καὶ βλασφημίας ἐπιφέρεσθαι τῷ ὄνόματι Κυρίου διὰ τὴν ὑμετέραν ἀφροσύνην, which is certainly based on St Paul's words. It is to be remarked however that here alone of passages cited by St Paul καθὼς γέγραπται follows, instead of preceding, the quotation. By this peculiarity and by the introductory γὰρ the Apostle seems to indicate that he disengages the sentence from its context, and so from the circumstances of its original application.

25. πράσσοης] i.e. 'if the law be the standard of your conduct.' The phrase is unique.

27. τὸν διὰ γράμματος] Διὰ denotes the circumstances at the time of the act, 'passing through' which the act takes place. Compare Rom. xiv. 20 τῷ διὰ προσκόμματος ἐσθίοντι, 2 Cor. ii. 4 ἔγραψα ὑμῖν διὰ πολλῶν δακρύων, and perhaps 1 Thess. iv. 14 τὸν κοιμηθέντας διὰ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ (where see the note).

28, 29. οὐ γὰρ κ.τ.λ.] For the grammar of the passage it is necessary to supply Ἰουδαῖος before Ἰουδαῖος (twice), περιτομῇ and ἡ ἀληθῶς περιτομῇ before the first and second περιτομῇ respectively, and ἔστιν after περιτομῇ, Ἰουδαῖος and καρδίας.

29. οὐ δὲ ἔπανος] i.e. 'whose proper praise.' The antecedent is of course Ἰουδαῖος. For the idea comp. Gal. vi. 16 τὸν Ἰσραὴλ τοῦ Θεοῦ.

CHAPTER III.

iv. *The covenant-privileges of the Jew* (iii. 1—20).

THIS chapter divides itself into three parts: (1) certain objections are stated and answered (vv. 1—8); (2) the position that the Jews also are under sin is established from Holy Scripture (vv. 9—20); (3) as a general conclusion from the results of ch. i. 16—iii. 20, viz. the universal failure of mankind both Jew and Gentile, a universal remedy is necessary, and it is found in Christ (vv. 21—31).

The first of these three sections may be expanded somewhat as follows, as St Paul meets the objections which arise in his mind. *Objection*: ‘This view deprives the Jew of his advantages.’ *Answer*: ‘Not at all: these remain as before. For instance, he is the keeper of the sacred archives.’ *Objection*: ‘But if some were unfaithful to their trust, their unfaithfulness impugns the good faith of God.’ *Answer*: ‘No: throughout we must assume that God is true. So far from impugning, it establishes God’s good faith. As the Psalmist says, I have sinned that God may be justified.’ *Objection*: ‘But if so, if it redounds to God’s glory, if it does a good work, why should I be punished? How is it just in God to visit me with His wrath?’ *Answer*: ‘Whatever come, God must be just: for He is the Judge of all the world. The objection in fact amounts to this, that the means justifies the end, a maxim with which I myself have been falsely charged.’

2. πρῶτον μὲν] See i. 8, 1 Cor. xi. 18. Only one privilege is here mentioned. This however was enough for a sample. So the enumeration is stopped that the argument may not be interrupted. The fuller enumeration occurs later, ix. 4.

ἐπιστενθῆσαν] ‘they were entrusted with.’ The A.V. rendering ‘unto them were committed the oracles of God’ is ambiguous as regards the construction, which is common in the Pauline Epistles: see the note on 1 Thess. ii. 4 πιστευθῆναι τὸ εὐαγγέλιον.

3. ‘For granted that some were unfaithful to their trust, what follows? Not surely that their unfaithfulness destroys, nullifies the faithfulness of God. Away with the thought.’

The sentence is to be connected with the general argument, and so to be attached to πολὺ κατὰ πάντα τρόπον. There is no connexion here between ἐπιστεύθησαν and ἡπίστησαν. The force of the passage appears from the parallel in ix. 6. God's promise stands firm, notwithstanding their infidelity. This promise was only conditional, it applied only to the true Israel. And therefore it is not infringed by the rejection of the faithless.

[ἡπίστησαν] i.e. were ἀπιστοι, were untrue to their trust. This meaning seems to be required both by the τὴν πίστιν of the context, and by the parallel, 2 Tim. ii. 13 εἰ ἀπιστοῦμεν, ἐκένος πιστὸς μένει, ἀρνήσασθαι γὰρ ἔαυτὸν οὐ δύναται. The verb ἀπιστεῖν (2 Tim. l. c.) and the substantive αἱ πιστίαι (Wisdom xiv. 25 ἀπιστία ταραχὴ ἐπιωρκία—a book constantly in St Paul's mind, see above on i. 20 sq., 30) are capable of the double meaning of ἀπιστος, which is applied not merely to the 'disbeliever' but to the 'unfaithful,' 'untrustworthy' (see Luke xii. 46, Rev. xxi. 8). The substantive is constantly used in this sense in classical writers, e.g. Xen. *Anab.* iii. 2. 4 ὥρατε τὴν Τισσαφέρνους ἀπιστίαν ὅστις...ἐπὶ τούτοις αὐτὸς ὄμοσας ἦμιν...αὐτὸς ἐξαταρήσας συνέλαβε τοὺς στρατηγούς *ib.* ii. 5. 21, and so Philo *Leg. ad Caium* § 16 (II. p. 562) ἀπιστίαν ὄμοι καὶ ἀχαριστίαν πρὸς τὸν τοῦ κόσμου παντὸς εὑρεγέτην. See further *Galatians* p. 154 sq.

[μὴ] Dr Jowett's assertion here that 'μὴ is used in the N. T. indifferently in questions intended to have either an affirmative or negative answer' appears to me to arise from a misconception of the Apostle's standpoint.

The fact is that St Paul, as it were, keeps the objection in his own hands. He is not so much arguing with some outward antagonist, as answering difficulties which arise in his own mind. Hence, at the very moment of stating his objection, he negatives it. For mere argumentative purposes it would have run οὐκ ἡ ἀπιστία κ.τ.λ. But the Apostle cannot bear to make even hypothetically and momentarily a statement which involves blasphemy. Therefore he negatives the supposition even while suggesting it. Compare 1 Cor. i. 13. This somewhat injures the clearness of the argument, but it preserves the Apostle's reverence.

4 [γνέσθω] 'be found,' i.e. become, relatively to our apprehension. This sense is frequent in the imperative; see the references given in Vaughan, and add Rev. ii. 10 γίνου πιστὸς ἄχρι θανάτου, iii. 2 γίνου γρηγορῶν, 2 Pet. i. 20.

[εἰ τῷ κρίνεσθαι σε] 'when Thou pleadest'; certainly not, 'when Thou art judged,' as the A. V. The subject of the verb is God, and the κρίνεσθαι of the LXX. which St Paul reproduces, is the middle voice, used, as in 1 Cor. vi. 6 ἀδελφὸς μετὰ ἀδελφοῦ κρίνεται, of a party in a trial. By a figure common in the Old Testament prophets, perhaps derived originally from Joel iii. 2, God and the sinner are regarded as two parties in a suit (see the references given in Vaughan). At the same time it is highly probable that εἰ τῷ κρίνεσθαι σε here must be regarded as a mistranslation on the

part of the LXX., the pronominal suffix being made the object instead of the subject ; for in the Hebrew text of Ps. li. 4, as we now have it, the word is בְּנֵי, which is κρίνειν, not κρίνεσθαι, and the distinction between the two voices is as clearly observed in the LXX. as in classical Greek. Symmachus translates correctly νικᾶν κρίνοντα, and we need not suppose that the Septuagint translators had a different Hebrew text before them. St Paul, though aware of the mistranslation, would not think it necessary to correct the LXX. in a point which did not affect his argument.

5. τι ἐροῦμεν] This expression is used again vi. 1, vii. 7, ix. 14, 30. In all these places the argument seems to have lodged the hearers in some difficult position from which they need extricating. Here the case of David raises the difficulty.

μη̄ ἀδικος] The explanation of the μη̄ here is the same as in ver. 3.

κατὰ ἀνθρωπὸν λέγω] ‘Pardon me such language, the very use of which needs apology. It is but a foolish, ignorant, human mode of speaking.’ On the phrase, which is peculiar to this group of Epistles, see Gal. iii. 15.

6. ἐτελ] ‘since on this supposition,’ and so equivalent to ‘otherwise,’ ‘if it were not so.’ The phrase is sometimes strengthened by the addition of ἅπα : see on 1 Cor. vii. 14.

κρίνει] ‘otherwise how doth God judge the earth?’ It is perhaps best here (as in ii. 16) to read the present rather than the future (κρινεῖ). The reference is probably to Gen. xviii. 25 ὁ κρίνων πάσαν τὴν γῆν οὐ ποιήσεις κρίσιν ; rather than to Ps. ix. 8, lxvii. 4, or xcvi. 13. The judgment alluded to is going on day by day. The attempt to restrict the term τὸν κόσμον to the heathen world gains no countenance either from the context or from St Paul’s usage elsewhere (see on Eph. ii. 2).

7. εἰ δὲ] This, not εἰ γάρ, is the true reading here. It refers back to εἰ δὲ ἡ ἀδικία ἡμῶν κ.τ.λ. (ver. 5), and is in fact the same objection starting up again.

τι ἔτι] The ἔτι is probably argumentative, ‘this being the case,’ as in Rom. ix. 19, Gal. v. 11.

8. καὶ μη̄ καθὼς] Some suppose a confused construction here καὶ [τι] μη̄, καθὼς...φασίν τινες ἡμᾶς λέγειν, ποιήσωμεν κ.τ.λ., the sense being dislocated by the introduction of καθὼς as in 1 Thess. iv. 1, Col. i. 6, where see the notes. It is however simpler to understand γένεται after μη̄.

τινες] Either the Judaizing antagonists who wished to bring St Paul’s doctrine into disrepute as leading to antinomianism, or professed followers who degraded it by their practice (cf. vi. 1 sq., Phil. iii. 18).

ἄν τὸ κρίμα] meaning not ‘our revilers,’ but all who draw these antinomian inferences. St Paul does not argue against the cavil, but crushes it by an appeal to moral instincts; compare Phil. iii. 19 ἄν τὸ τέλος ἀπώλεια.

9. τι οὖν ; προεχόμεθα ;] Having regard to the usual sense of προεχόμεθα, we shall be led to take τι οὖν προεχόμεθα ; together, and

render either 'What privilege do we exhibit?' or 'What excuse do we offer, what defence do we make?' (see below). But this construction is forbidden by the following *οὐ πάντως*. *Προεχόμεθα* therefore must be taken alone. The exact meaning of the word here is uncertain. The active *προέχειν* is not found in the LXX., nor elsewhere in the N. T. In classical usage the middle *προέχεσθαι* is frequent in the sense of 'to hold out before one as a *πρόσχημα*'. This *πρόσχημα* may be either (a) a defence, protection, (2) a pretence, excuse, or (3) a decoration, boast (e.g. Herod. v. 28 where Miletus is described as *τῆς Ἰωνίης πρόσχημα*). Accordingly some would take it here as a middle, and render 'Have we any protection or shield?' But *προέχεσθαι* does not appear to be so used absolutely in the middle. Turning therefore to the passive voice, we might adopt Vaughan's rendering 'Are we preferred?' which would give excellent sense, if there were any instance of this rendering, but I can find none. On the other hand the active *προέχειν* 'to excel' is found with the accusative of the thing excelled (e.g. Xenoph. *Anab.* iii. 2. 17 *ἐνὶ μόνῳ προέχουσιν ἡμᾶς οἱ ἵππεῖς*), and the passive *προέχεσθαι* is used once at least (Chrysippus ap. Plutarch *Mor.* p. 1038 D *οὐτῷ τοῖς ἀγαθοῖς πᾶσι τὰῦτα προσήκει, κατ' οὐδὲν προεχομένοις ὑπὸ τοῦ Διός*) in the sense 'to be excelled.' And to this rendering I must adhere, until I find instances of the use which Vaughan adopts.

'What then,' argues the Jew, 'do you mean to tell me that others have the advantage over us?' St Paul's answer is, 'Not at all. We said before that Jews and Gentiles all were under sin. But if we do not give them any advantage over you, neither do we give you any advantage over them. Your Scriptures show that you are not exempted.'

οὐ πάντως] 'not at all.' As usual the *πάντως* qualifies the *οὐ*, not the *οὐ* the *πάντως* (see on 1 Cor. v. 10).

προητιασάμεθα] 'we before laid to the charge'; not 'we have before proved,' as the A. V. renders it in its text.

10. *καθὼς γέγραπται*] Several passages are here strung together. The first of these is taken from Ps. xiv. (xiii.) 1—3, after which in the Prayer Book Version of the Psalms all the rest are added, i.e. *τάφος ἀνεψιμένος... αὐτῶν*, though they find no place there in the Hebrew, the Targums, the Chaldee, the Syriac, or the other Greek versions (excluding the LXX.), see Field *Hexapla*, II. p. 105. The verses are omitted in some manuscripts of the LXX. (including A), and are bracketed by the second hand of R, but are found in B. Was then this insertion made in the LXX. from St Paul here, or had St Paul a MS. of the LXX. in which the words occurred together? The former supposition is doubtless the true one. For, first, St Paul does not quote literally in the first part of the quotation, as we shall see; and there is therefore no *a priori* reason that we should expect to find the passage as a whole in any one place in the LXX. Secondly, the absence of the verses in the Hebrew is a strong presumption that they would be absent in the LXX. also. Thirdly, it is

very likely that St Paul's quotation would be inserted in the margin and afterwards in the text of the LXX. of Ps. xiv. (xiii.), on the hypothesis that the words were originally wanting. On the other hand, it is extremely unlikely that, if originally there, they would afterwards have been omitted.

The evidence respecting the text of the LXX. leads to the same result. Origen (in Cramer's *Catena*, p. 18) speaks of St Paul's 'gathering together passages' (*πήγα συναγαγέων*) to show that all were under sin, and refers each severally to its proper place. There is no mention of a text where the passage occurs as a whole. Rufinus however in his translation (Origen, *op.* IV. 504) says 'Illud etiam necessario ducimus admonendum quod in nonnullis Latinorum ea quae subsequuntur testimonia in tertio decimo psalmo consequentes ex integro posita inveniuntur: in Graecis autem pene omnibus non amplius in tertio decimo psalmo quam usque ad illum versiculum ubi scriptum est 'Non est qui faciat bonum non est usque ad unum.' The mention of the Latin MSS. shows that the earlier part of this sentence was Rufinus' own interpolation: and probably the latter part was also, as there is no trace of it in the fragment in the *Catena*. If however the latter clause were Origen's own, it would show that in his time a very small proportion of the MSS. of the LXX. contained the passage. Eusebius (*in Psalmos*, v. p. 145 *ed.* Migne) does not mention the insertion, but comments on the passage without it. Jerome (*Praef. in Comm. in Isaiam*, lib. xvi. quoted by Field l. c.) in reply to a question raised by Eustochium declares that all the Greek commentators (omnes Graeciae tractatores) mark the passage with an asterisk and pass it over (veru annotant atque praeterunt) as not contained in the Hebrew, though the question of Eustochium clearly implies that the passage was found in the Latin copies ordinarily in use.

[οὐκ ἔστιν κ.τ.λ.] The words of Ps. xiv. (xiii.) 1—3 are taken from the LXX., as the exact coincidences of language in the latter part show. I cannot however attribute to a lapse of memory the variation at the commencement which in the Psalm runs as follows, Κύριος ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ διέκυψεν ἐπὶ τοὺς νιόὺς τῶν ἀνθρώπων τοῦ ἰδεῖν εἰ ἔστιν συνιὼν ἡ ἐκζητῶν τὸν θεόν, especially as the words occur in the parallel passage also Ps. liii. (lii.) 3, and the rest of the quotation is accurate. I believe therefore that the Apostle gave rather the substance than the words at the beginning, so changing the form, as to adapt it to his context and make a fit introduction. And this is Origen's opinion, as expressed through Rufinus, 'puto dari in hoc apostolicam auctoritatem ut cum scripturae testimoniis utendum fuerit, sensum magis ex ea quam verba capiamus. Hoc enim et in Evangelii factum frequenter invenies.' For parallel instances see 1 Cor. i. 31, 1 Cor. xv. 45, both introduced by καθὼς γέγραπται.

[12. ηχρεάθησαν] The idea of the original מִלְאָה seems to be 'to go bad or sour' like milk (see Gesen. *Thes.* p. 102). The Greek word ἀχρειοῦν occurs twice in the Scholiast to Æschines (p. 10. 3, p. 28. 7).

13. *τάφος διεργυμένος*] And thus at once a danger and a pollution (comp. Luke xi. 44).

The quotation as far as *εἴδολιοῦσαν* is from Ps. v. 9: then follows Ps. cxl. 3: verse 14 represents Ps. x. 7, and the next three verses Is.lix. 7, 8. Lastly, verse 18 gives us the last half of Ps. xxxv. (xxxvi.) 1, *αὐτοῦ* being changed into *αὐτῶν* to conform to the plurals which precede.

The Jews boasted in the law. They prided themselves that they were children of Abraham. They made a distinction between themselves and the Gentiles. The Gentiles had fallen away from God, were out of the pale of salvation. St Paul shows that their own prophets and teachers had used the strongest possible language about themselves; had thus given the lie direct to their pride and self-sufficiency. Accordingly the condemnation applies equally to them as to the Gentiles.

The Apostle's words however must not be pressed to mean more than he meant by them. Ps. xiv., which contains the strongest condemnation, at the same time speaks of a remnant (ver. 4). And this is St Paul's own language elsewhere (Rom. xi.). He insists on the fact of there being a remnant. Still his main position remains as before. The law in itself did not justify. Else this universal depravity would have been impossible at any epoch.

19. *οἴδαμεν*] 'It is an obvious truth, it needs no argument to show, that the scriptures were addressed to those whom alone they could reach.' The expression *οἴδαμεν* is a favourite one in this Epistle (ii. 2, vii. 14, viii. 22, 28) when used of propositions that commend themselves. It was the tendency of Rabbinical teachers in St Paul's time and afterwards to apply all such passages to the heathen. Hence the Apostle's *οἴδαμεν* as if to preclude this forced reference.

οὐ νόμος] This can only mean one thing. Those who are addressed in the Old Testament, are the people under the Old Testament dispensation, i.e. the Israelites themselves. The Old Testament speaks to Jews, not to Gentiles, and therefore to Jews this severe language applies.

λαλεῖ] 'uttereth.' The general difference between *λαλεῖν* and *λέγειν* is that the former lays stress on the enunciation, the latter on the meaning. *Λαλεῖν* is loqui, 'to talk'; *λέγειν* is dicere, 'to speak.' Hence *ἡ λαλία σου* 'thy speech' (Matt. xxvi. 73, Mark xiv. 70) implies not the thoughts or the words themselves, but the mode of utterance. When *λαλία* is opposed to *λόγος*, as in John viii. 43 *διὰ τί τὴν λαλίαν τὴν ἐμὴν οὐ γινώσκετε*; *ὅτι οὐ δύνασθε ἀκούειν τὸν λόγον τὸν ἐμόν*, it represents the form, the way of speaking, the language, which was unintelligible to the Jews who had incapacitated themselves from understanding the substance, the underlying truth of the message delivered. Thus *λαλεῖν* here (comp. Heb. i. 1) has a closer connexion with the hearer than *λέγειν*, and the distinction between the two verbs is evident when we consider that to interchange them would be intolerable.

ὑπόδικος γένηται] ‘may be brought under the cognizance’ of God’s tribunal. **Ὑπόδικος**, though a good classical word, does not occur in the LXX., or elsewhere in the N. T., its place being taken by **ἔνοχος**.

20. **Ἐξ ἔργων νόμου κ.τ.λ.**] A free citation from Ps. cxlii. (cxlii.) 2, to which St Paul has added **ἐξ ἔργων νόμου** as his own interpretation justified by what he has said before, **ὅσα ὁ νόμος κ.τ.λ.** See the note on Gal. ii. 16, where the same passage is quoted and the same comment appears.

Θιὰ γὰρ νόμου κ.τ.λ.] This idea of law creating and multiplying sin is first thrown out in 1 Cor. xv. 56. There the mention is casual, and has no very obvious relation to the context, though beneath the surface we discern a close connexion. A few months later the thought is worked out in the Epistles to the Galatians and to the Romans (see vii. 7—25). Law is the great educator of the moral conscience. Restraint is necessary in order to develop the conception of duty. This is equally the case with the individual and with the world at large. With the latter, as with the former, there is a period of childhood, of non-age, a period in which external restraints represent the chief instrument of education. The law says, ‘Do not, or thou shalt die.’ Thus the character of the Law is negative : of the Gospel, positive.

v. *A universal remedy to meet this universal failure* (iii. 21—31).

21. **νυνὶ δέ**] ‘but now,’ when the world has come of age (comp. Gal. iv. 1 sq.).

δίκαιοσύνη Θεοῦ] The idea conveyed in this expression seems to be twofold ; first, something inherent in God ; secondly, something communicated to us ; compare below **δίκαιον καὶ δίκαιοῦντα** (ver. 26). There is thus both the external act, what is done for us, and the inherent change, what is done in us. To describe this second sphere I would use the term ‘communication’ rather than ‘impartation,’ because the latter word seems to exclude the need of a moral change in ourselves ; whereas in St Paul the idea of this change is very prominent. There is the external act, what has been done for us, our purchase, the atoning sacrifice : Christ died for us. But there must be also the internal change, what is to be done in us : We must have died with Christ. Christ’s righteousness becomes our righteousness by our becoming one with Christ, being absorbed in Christ. See *Biblical Essays*, p. 230 sq.

μαρτυρούμενη κ.τ.λ.] In what sense does St Paul mean that this righteousness of God is borne witness to by the law and the prophets? We may answer, By types and special predictions, but here especially by the foreshadowings of the mode and scheme of man’s redemption both in the law (e.g. Gen. xv. 6, quoted Rom. iv. 3, Gal. iii. 6) and in the prophets (e.g. Habakk. ii. 4, quoted Rom. i. 17, Gal. iii. 11). It is perhaps to such passages as these, rather than to any direct types or predictions of the Messiah, that the Apostle refers ; except so far as these latter bear witness to Him in His character of **δίκαιοσύνη Θεοῦ**.

22. δικαιοσύνη δὲ] The δὲ restricts or defines; comp. Rom. ix. 30, 1 Cor. ii. 6, iii. 15.

διὰ ποστεως] 'communicated, made available by faith.'

εἰς πάντας] If καὶ ἐπὶ πάντας of the Textus Receptus be preserved after εἰς πάντας, the prepositions will denote attainment and comprehension respectively, and the whole phrase may be rendered 'reaching unto and extending over all.' But the doubtful words should almost certainly be omitted.

23. τῆς δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ] This glory of God is the revelation of God to the pure and upright of heart through faith, with perhaps the idea of communication also. It is no objection to this view that this glory is evidently something present here (and 2 Cor. iv. 6), and that elsewhere (e.g. Rom. v. 2, Tit. ii. 13) it is spoken of as future. This revelation of God is a present revelation to the faithful; and just as 'the kingdom of heaven' is at once a present and a future kingdom, so there is a present and a future glory of God. The idea conveyed in the words is twofold: (1) the manifestation of God's Person and attributes, the knowledge of God in Himself (John xi. 40, Acts vii. 55); (2) the transformation of the faithful into the same image. Thus Meyer is wholly wrong in taking the expression to mean 'the honour which God gives.' Even in John xii. 43, where it is apparently so taken in the A. V., the context (see ver. 41) points to the other meaning. Where the sense which Meyer gives to it is intended, the form is otherwise: John v. 44 τὴν δόξαν τὴν παρὰ τοῦ μονού Θεοῦ (comp. Rom. ii. 29 ὁ ἔπαινος...ἐκ τοῦ Θεοῦ). Still less can it be explained to mean 'glory in the sight of God,' as others render it.

24. δικαιούμενοι] The nominative is grammatically connected with πάντες (ver. 23); but logically with πάντας (ver. 22).

ἀπολύτρωσις] On this word see the note on Eph. i. 7. The idea contained here is twofold: (1) a price paid (1 Cor. vi. 20, 1 Tim. ii. 6); (2) a deliverance thereby obtained, especially from a bondage or captivity, a deliverance not only from the consequences of sin but from sin itself. For, though the objective element is especially prominent in this passage, as the argument requires, the subjective element must not be ignored.

25. προέθετο] 'set before Himself' and so 'purposed.' The force of the preposition is not temporal, but local. Comp. Eph. i. 10, with the note.

ἱλαστήριον] 'a propitiatory offering.' The word is of course an adjective originally, e.g. Joseph. *Ant.* xvi. 17, 1 Ἰλαστήριος θάνατος, 4 Macc. xvii. 22 χεῖρας ἱκετηρίους εἰ δὲ βούλει Ἰλαστηρίους ἐκτείνας Θεῷ (see Wilkins *Clav.* s. v., Steph. *Thes.* s. v. and Meyer here). This usage of the neuter of adjectives in -ηριος is frequent as applied to victims, e.g. καθαρτήριον, χαριστήριον, διαβατήριον, νικητήριον etc. A good example of the word in this sense is Dion Chrysost. *Or.* xi. p. 355 *ed.* Reiske Ἰλαστήριον Ἀχαιὸν τῇ Ἀθηνᾷ τῇ Ἰλιάδι: and this seems to be the meaning here.

On the other hand Vaughan prefers the rendering ‘mercy-seat.’ The word is used in the LXX. to translate כְּפָרָה, i.e. the lid of the ark of the Testimony, translated ‘mercy-seat’ in the A. V. (see esp. Exod. xxv. 17 sq., xxvi. 34, xxxi. 7). Now the root כְּפַר means (1) in Kal ‘to cover,’ (2) in Piel (α) ‘to forgive’ or (β) ‘to expiate,’ ‘appease’ (comp. James v. 20, 1 Peter iv. 8 where ‘covering’ implies ‘forgiveness’). Thus the LXX. use of the word διαστήριον is a rendering of this secondary meaning, and is an example of the Alexandrian tone of thought which sees symbolical meanings everywhere, and which derives from homonymes theological lessons. Compare at a later period Philo *de prof.* 19 (II. p. 561) τῆς δὲ θλεω δυνάμεως, τὸ ἐπίθεμα τῆς κιβωτοῦ, καλεῖ δὲ αὐτὸ διαστήριον, *Vit. Moys.* iii. 8 (II. p. 150) ἡς (τῆς κιβωτοῦ) ἐπίθεμα ὥστανε πῶμα τὸ λεγόμενον ἐν ιερᾶς βίβλοις διαστήριον... ὅπερ ἔσκεν εἶναι σύμβολον φυσικώτερον μὲν τῆς θλεω τοῦ θεοῦ δυνάμεως ἡθικώτερον δὲ διανοίας πάλιν θλεω δὲ ἑαυτῇ αὐτῆς. Sometimes כְּפָרָה is translated διαστήριον ἐπίθεμα (Exod. xxv. 17, xxxvii. 6), which is a double rendering of the word; but elsewhere διαστήριον only. Thus we can see how the first part of the English word ‘mercy-seat’ has its origin; but there is nothing either in the Hebrew or its Greek equivalent to represent the idea of a ‘seat,’ a figure borrowed doubtless from such passages as Lev. xvi. 2, Numb. vii. 89, Ps. lxxx. 1, xcix. 1, Heb. ix. 5, where the symbol of the Divine Presence is spoken of as appearing above the Cherubim which shadowed the mercy-seat. The term ‘mercy-seat’ came through the ‘Gnadenstuhl’ of Luther’s translation, and the ‘seat of grace’ of Tyndal and Cramner. On the other hand Wyclif, followed by the Geneva Bible, adopts the ‘propitiatorium’ of the Latin versions and translates ‘propitiatory,’ adding on the first occasion on which it occurs, the note, ‘a propitiatory, that is a place of purchasing mercy,’ where ‘purchase’ is used in its old sense of ‘pursue after, obtain, acquire.’

The explanation of διαστήριον here in the sense of ‘mercy-seat’ is as old as Origen (*Comm. ad Rom. Lib. III. 8*), to whom it gives a handle for much of his favourite mode of exegesis. Our Lord would then be spoken of as the mercy-seat, just as elsewhere (e.g. John i. 14) He is compared to the Shekinah. But there is something abrupt and unsuitable in such imagery here, ‘God purposed Him to be a mercy-seat’—abrupt, as the phrase itself shows; unsuitable, because the mercy-seat is, as it were, the source and abode of mercy, not the mediator by whom it is obtained. Moreover, it throws the other imagery of the passage into confusion, e.g. ἐν τῷ αἵματι αὐτοῦ. Different applications of the same illustration indeed are very frequent in St Paul (see on 1 Thess. ii. 7 νήπιοι), but perhaps there is no parallel to a confusion of metaphor like this. Still this last argument must not be pressed too far.

εἰς ἔνδεξιν τῆς δικαιοσύνης αὐτοῦ] Inasmuch as sin required so great a sacrifice. It is better not to go beyond the language of scripture. All the moral difficulties connected with the Atonement arise from pressing the imagery of the Apostolic writers too far. Thus nothing is said here

about appeasing divine wrath, nor is it stated to whom the Sacrifice of Christ is paid. The central idea of that Sacrifice is the great work done for us, whereby boasting is excluded.

διὰ τὴν πάρεστιν] ‘*by reason of the praetermission.*’ The A. V. renders this ‘for the remission’ (as though ἀφεσιν), but in the margin ‘or passing over’—the marginal rendering being doubtless due to the Cocceian controversy (though Cocceius himself wrote later), on which see Trench, *N. T. Syn.* § xxxiii. p. 115. But this change is not enough: for the preposition itself must be altered from ‘for’ into ‘owing to, by reason of.’

The distinction between ἀφεσιν the revocation of punishment and πάρεστιν the suspension of punishment, though denied by Schleusner and others, is borne out by classical usage, Xenoph. *Hipp.* vii. 10 ἀμαρτήματα οὐ χρὴ παριέναι ἀκόλαστα, Joseph. *Ant.* xv. 3. 2 παρῆκε τὴν ἀμαρτίαν, of Herod anxious to punish a certain offence which however for other considerations he passed over, as well as by the writers of the Apocrypha, see Ecclus. xxiii. 2 ἵνα...οὐ μὴ παρῇ τὰ ἀμαρτήματα αὐτῶν ὅπως μὴ πληθύνωσιν αἱ ἀγνοιαὶ μου, comp. Wisdom xi. 24 παρορᾶς ἀμαρτίματα ἀνθρώπων εἰς μετάνοιαν, a passage which may well have been in the Apostle’s mind (see note on i. 20 above). The best commentary on the passage is St Paul’s own language in Acts xvii. 30, where the term ὑπεριδὼν expresses the idea exactly (comp. Acts xiv. 16). To substitute ἀφεσιν for πάρεστιν here would entirely destroy the sense. It was because the sins had been passed over and had not been forgiven, that the exhibition of God’s righteousness in the Incarnation and Passion of Christ was necessary. Till Christ came, the whole matter was, as it were, kept in abeyance.

ἀμαρτημάτων] ‘*Amartyma* is related to *amartia* as the concrete to the abstract. It is thus an individual offence, a wrong deed done. But on the other hand, whereas *amartia* may be used of an individual sin, *amartyma* never can mean sin regarded as sinfulness.

ἐν τῇ ἀνοχῇ τοῦ Θεοῦ] For ἀνοχῇ see above on ii. 4. The idea is holding back, forbearance, suspension, thus enforcing the conception of πάρεστιν. There is no idea of forgiveness contained in the word: it is a temporary withholding of judgment. ‘*Indulgentia (i.e. ἀνοχῇ) eo valet ut in aliorum peccatis conniveas, non ut alicui peccata condones, quod clementiae est,*’ Fritzsche.

26. **πρὸς τὴν ἔνδειξιν**] resuming the previous εἰς ἔνδειξιν in a little stronger form; for πρὸς implies more definitely than εἰς the idea of purpose, inasmuch as εἰς only looks to the object, while πρὸς connects the agent with the object. Hence such a use as Rom. viii. 18 πρὸς τὴν μέλλουσαν δόξαν. The insertion of the article here draws attention to the fact that ἔνδειξις has been mentioned already. For εἰς τὸ εἶναι see i. 21; for τὸν ἐκ πίστεως see ii. 8 τοῖς δὲ ἐξ ἐριθείας.

27. **ποῦ ὁνὴ τὴν κανχησία;**] ‘*what then has become of the boasting*,’ of which he spoke above (ii. 17), and which has been present to his mind throughout. For ποῦ ὁνὴ see on Gal. iv. 15.

ἔξειλεσθη] The aorist represents the consequences as instantaneous: 'it is excluded *ipso facto*.' See on Gal. v. 4 *κατηργήθητε, ἔξειλεσθε*.

διὰ νόμου πίστεως] Strictly speaking, it is not a law, but a principle. The Gospel is never called a law in itself 'proprię' (see Gal. v. 23), but only *καταχρηστικῶς* to distinguish it from another law, and then always with some word appended which deprives *νόμος* of its power and produces a verbal paradox: as here *νόμος πίστεως*, viii. 2 ὁ *νόμος τοῦ πνεύματος τῆς ζωῆς*, James i. 25, ii. 12 *νόμος ἐλευθερίας*. In these three cases *πίστις, πνεῦμα, ἐλευθερία* correct and, as it were, contradict *νόμος*, thus creating an oxymoron. Comp. 1 Cor. ix. 21 ὡς ἄνομος, μὴ ὡς ἄνομος Θεοῦ ἀλλ' ἔνομος *Χριστοῦ*.

30. **εἰπερ κ.τ.λ.]** 'seeing that God is one and immutable, governing all on the same principle, no respecter of persons with one rule for one class, another for another.' In Gal. iii. 20 ὁ δὲ Θεὸς εἰς ἔστιν the meaning, though not quite the same, is yet closely allied to this. On the amount of certainty conveyed in *εἰπερ* (which is to be read here, not *ἐπείπερ*) see on 2 Thess. i. 6.

ὅς δικαιώσει] 'and therefore He will justify.' In other words *ὅς δικαιώσει* is logically consequent on the oneness of God.

ἐκ πίστεως, διὰ τῆς πίστεως] Many commentators contend that there is no difference of meaning between these two phrases, and that this is one of the many instances where St Paul delights to interchange prepositions for the sake of variety. Other alleged examples of this usage are 2 Cor. iii. 11 διὰ δόξης...ἐν δόξῃ, Eph. i. 7, and Gal. ii. 16, where the same expressions διὰ πίστεως, ἐκ πίστεως occur, as here, in connexion with *δίκαιον*. Prof. Jowett extends this theory, and to illustrate this 'awkwardness of expression' cites Rom. v. 7 ὑπὲρ δίκαιον, ὑπὲρ τοῦ ἀγάθου, 'where, as here, different words appear to be used with the same meaning.' I hope to show, when we come to that passage, that to take *ἀγάθος* as equivalent to *δίκαιος* is virtually to destroy the Apostle's meaning, the whole force of which depends upon the distinction of the terms. To confine ourselves now to the question of prepositions, even if it were true, which it is not, that St Paul elsewhere scatters his prepositions indiscriminately, it is very plain here from the form of the sentence that a distinction was intended, the antithesis emphasizing the change of preposition. The exact nature of this distinction I have endeavoured to point out in the note on Gal. ii. 16. Faith is strictly speaking only the means, not the source, of justification. The one preposition (*διὰ*) excludes this latter notion, while the other (*ἐκ*) might imply it. The difference will perhaps best be seen by substituting their opposites *οὐ δικαιώσει περιτομὴν ἐκ νόμου, οὐδὲ ἀκροβυστίαν διὰ τοῦ νόμου*; when, in the case of the Jews, the falsity of their starting-point, in the case of the Gentiles, the needlessness of a new instrumentality, would be insisted on. The circumcision must not trust to works; the uncircumcision have no occasion to put themselves under the yoke of the law.

The Greek fathers (see Cramer's *Catena*) start from the assumption that there must be a difference of meaning here. Origen says *οὐ νομιστέον ὡς ἔτυχε* (i.e. at random) *ταῖς προθέσεις* (the prepositions) *διαφόρως* (i.e. *ἀδιαφόρως*) *κεχρῆσθαι*, and instances 1 Cor. xi. 12 (*ἐκ τοῦ ἀνδρός...διὰ τῆς γυναικός*) and other passages, e.g. Rom. xi. 36, 2 Cor. xii. 8, where, as he points out, it is absolutely necessary to preserve the distinction. He interprets the difference here as follows, 'qui ex fide justificantur, initio ex fide sumpto, per adimplectionem bonorum operum consummantur; et qui per fidem justificantur, a bonis operibus exorsi per fidem summam perfectionis accipiunt.'

31. *νόμον οὖν καταργοῦμεν*] Dr Vaughan seems to me to be wrong in his interpretation of this passage, which he takes to mean 'Do we abolish all restraint on moral conduct?' Surely it does not refer to setting men free from a rule of duty; but signifies 'Do we stultify law, do we deny the significance, the value, the effect of law? Was law a mistake from beginning to end?' with a special reference to the Mosaic Law. In other words 'law' here is not equivalent to regulated moral conduct, but to an external system of restraints. The idea is the same as that which is developed on vii. 7 sq. and is not unconnected with our Lord's own words (Matt. v. 17, 18). Here the objection is thrown out, and negated but not argued. It is reserved in fact for discussion in its proper place (ch. vii.). We have already observed the same treatment of the objection, that St Paul's doctrine denies the privileges of the chosen race (iii. 1, 2). This in like manner is briefly stated, negated and dismissed, being reserved for a later occasion.

ιστάνομεν] On the form of the verb see Winer § xv. p. 106.

CHAPTER IV.

vi. *The meaning of the covenant with Abraham* (iv. 1—25).

i. THERE are several points relating to the text of this verse which need elucidation.

(a) Are we to read *πατέρα* or *προπάτωρα*? Undoubtedly the latter. External authority is vastly in its favour : but the correction was made (1) because *προπάτωρ* is an unusual word, occurring only here in the N. T. or LXX.; (2) on the other hand *πατέρα* occurs below, *vv. 11, 12*, and the expression '*Αβραὰμ ὁ πατὴρ ἡμῶν*' is common elsewhere (Luke i. 73, John viii. 39, 56, Acts vii. 2, James ii. 21).

(b) What is to be the position of *εὐρηκέναι*, if retained? External authority is decidedly in favour of placing the word immediately after *ἔροῦμεν*, and not after *ἡμῶν* as in the Textus Receptus. The change is probably due to the fact that the other was in itself the natural order, so long as regard is paid to the meaning which the context requires us to assign to *κατὰ σάρκα*.

(c) But should *εὐρηκέναι* be retained at all? It is omitted in B 47 Chrysostom. This perhaps is one of those instances in which B almost alone preserves the right reading. Its unsupported authority would not be sufficient to reject the word ; but it receives confirmation here (1) from the varying positions of *εὐρηκέναι* in the other MSS., (2) from the well-known tendency of scribes to supply an elliptical expression (see 1 Cor. iv. 6 *φρονεῖν*, v. 1 *όνομάζειν*, xi. 24 *κλώμενον* and other examples given in the *Journal of Philology*, III. p. 85).

Thus *εὐρηκέναι* must be regarded as at least suspicious. If it is omitted, we shall take the passage thus: 'What then shall we say of our forefather Abraham?' For the same construction after *ἔρειν* we may refer to Plato *Crito* 48 A *πάντας ἡμῖν οὕτω φροντιστέον τί ἔροῦσιν οἱ πολλοὶ ἡμᾶς*, Eur. *Alc.* 954 *ἔρει δέ μ', ὅστις ἐχθρὸς ὁν κυρεῖ, τάδε* and the passages accumulated by Stallbaum on Plato *Apol.* 23 A. A somewhat analogous construction with *λέγειν* occurs John viii. 54 (ix. 19) *ὅν ὑμεῖς λέγετε* followed by *ὅτι*. On the whole, the sense gains by the omission of *εὐρηκέναι*; the idea being 'Does not the history of our forefather Abraham contradict this view?' For the question is really not what advantage he

gained, but in what relation he stood to St Paul's position. If however *εύρηκέναι* be retained, the tense expresses, as Dr Vaughan says, the permanence of the result; and *κατὰ σάρκα* must be taken with *τὸν προπάτορα ἡμῶν*, whatever position of *εύρηκέναι* be adopted. These words *ἡμῶν* 'of us Jews,' *κατὰ σάρκα* 'according to the flesh,' are chosen with a view to what comes after. Abraham is not only a father of the Jews, but *πάντων τῶν πιστευόντων δι' ἀκροβυστίας* (ver. 11), *πολλῶν ἔθνων* (ver. 18); not only *κατὰ σάρκα*, but *τοῖς στοιχοῦσιν τοῖς ἵχνεσιν τῆς...πίστεως* (ver. 12), *τῷ ἐκ πίστεως Αβραάμ* (ver. 16).

2. *ἔχει καύχημα*] 'he has a subject of boast, ground for boasting'; *καύχημα* is the matter of *καύχησις*; comp. 2 Cor. i. 12 *ἡ γὰρ καύχησις ἡμῶν αὐτῇ ἔστιν κ.τ.λ.* with i. 14 *ὅτι καύχημα ὑμῶν ἐσμέν*; and the passage before us with iii. 27 above.

ἀλλ' οὐ πρὸς Θεόν] This is added to avoid the blasphemy, though it has nothing to do with St Paul's argument: comp. iii. 4, 6. 'Even then let him keep his boasting to himself or to his fellowmen. For "merit lives from man to man, And not from man, O Lord, to Thee."

3. *τὶ γὰρ*] Verse 2 having been regarded as parenthetical, it follows that the *γὰρ* of ver. 3 has no reference to *οὐ πρὸς Θεόν*, but is connected with *τὶ οὖν ἐροῦμεν κ.τ.λ.*, and introduces the answer to that question. 'What account then are we to give of Abraham our forefather? Why, what does the scripture say?' For the *γὰρ* see *εἰ γὰρ* in iii. 7, where in like manner the *γὰρ* refers, not to what immediately precedes, but to ver. 5.

ἡ γραφὴ] 'the passage of scripture.' See the note on Gal. iii. 22. Dr Vaughan takes a different view and instances examples from St John. The usage of St John may admit of a doubt, though personally I think not (see Gal. i. c.); St Paul's practice however is absolute and uniform. On the faith of Abraham see *Galatians*, p. 156.

4. *τῷ ἐργαζομένῳ, κ.τ.λ.*] The connexion is somewhat as follows. 'Scripture lays stress on Abraham's faith: this language is inconsistent with the idea of wages earned by work done.'

λογίζεται] 'is reckoned.' Passive, as in ver. 5 (ver. 24 is more doubtful), ix. 8, Eccl. xl. 19 *ὑπὲρ ἀμφότερα γυνὴ ἀμώμος λογίζεται*. The first aorist *λογισθῆν* (Xen. Hell. vi. 1. 19, Plato Tim. § 8, 34 A) and first future *λογισθήσομαι* (Rom. ii. 26, Niceph. Rhet. vii. 22) are always passive according to Veitch. On the other hand, the present is only once (Herod. iii. 95) used by classical writers in the passive sense.

5. *μὴ ἐργαζομένῳ πιστεύοντι δὲ*] i.e. who does not work for wages, does not obtain it by his work, but believes etc. It is by pressing the letter, and neglecting the spirit, of such passages as these, that antinomianism in its stronger and in its feebler forms is deduced from St Paul's language. As a matter of fact Abraham did work, he could not help working; but it was his transcendent faith which justified him, the faith out of which all the works arose.

τὸν ἀσεβῆ] A very strong word used again, v. 6, to place the gratuity of the gift in the strongest light. Comp. Barnabas *Epist.* § 5, who says of the Apostles *τοὺς ἰδίους ἀπόστολους τοὺς μέλλοντας κηρύσσειν τὸ εὐαγγέλιον αὐτοῦ ἐξελέξατο, ὅντας ὑπὲρ πάσαν ἀμαρτίαν ἀνομωτέρους.* The parable of the publican and the Pharisee is the best commentary upon St Paul's doctrine of justification by faith; which, like 1 John i. 7 (quoted by Vaughan) when taken in connexion with St John's universal language, implies a subjective process, a change in the person, side by side with the Atoning Sacrifice.

6. **λέγει τὸν μακαρισμὸν]** 'pronounces the felicitation.' For *μακαρισμὸς* see on Gal. iv. 15. Clement of Rome (§ 50) employs the word with obvious reference to this passage, for he quotes Ps. xxxi. (xxxii.) 1, 2 in the immediate context.

7, 8. **μακάριος κ.τ.λ.]** A quotation from Ps. xxxi. (xxxii.) 1, 2. Here again (see on iii. 10 sq.) St Paul's use of the language of the Psalms shows that he did not mean to exclude the moral element in the reconciliation of the believers to God. The sins indeed are freely forgiven; but a moral change is wrought in the man himself; for the psalmist goes on *οὐδέ ἔστιν ἐν τῷ στόματι αὐτοῦ δόλος.* Though the idea of the passage quoted is the blessedness of a free pardon, still the latter part of the psalm (esp. vv. 5, 8, 9) was doubtless not absent from St Paul's mind. He does not however quote the whole: he gives the opening words as a reference trusting to his readers' memories to supply the rest.

8. **οὐ]** In the LXX. *οὐ* is read by Ι*AB, ϕ by Ι^a and by the second hand of the early Verona Psalter: but ϕ was probably the original reading of the LXX. to translate the Hebrew י. In the text of the Epistle the authorities are very much divided: ΙBDG giving *οὐ*, the rest ϕ. In Clement of Rome (§ 50), where the passage is quoted (see the last note but one), A reads *οὐ*, the Constantinople MS. and the Syriac version ϕ. It is difficult to say which St Paul wrote. Certainly ϕ would better suit the order of words: on the other hand, *οὐ* is more likely to have been altered into ϕ, and should perhaps on the whole be preferred.

9. **ἐπὶ τὴν περιτομήν]** It is idle here, as elsewhere (see the note on 1 Cor. i. 31), to enquire what particular verb is to be supplied in the ellipse.

11. **σημείον διαβεν περιτομῆς]** The genitive is better supported than the accusative (*περιτομήν*); and the absence of the article, urged by Meyer as an argument against *περιτομῆς*, cannot outweigh the external testimony. But in reality the article here would interfere with the sense, which is 'a sign which consisted in circumcision,' a genitive of apposition, like Col. i. 12 *τὴν μερίδα τοῦ κλήρου.* The confusion in reading would be helped by the accidental omission of the final *σ* of *περιτομῆς* before the initial *σ* of *σφραγίδα* with the result that *περιτομὴ* would be considered an abbreviation for *περιτομήν*. The word *σημεῖον* is used of circumcision in the LXX. of Gen. xvii. 11 *εἰς σημεῖον διαθήκης.*

σφραγίδα] ‘*a seal*’; i.e. not a preliminary condition, but a final ratification. So the *Epistle of Barnabas* has (§ 9, 6) ἀλλ’ ἐρεῖς· καὶ μὴν περιτέμηται ὁ λαὸς εἰς σφραγίδα, connecting the term, as here, with circumcision. Though it may be questioned whether St Paul (2 Cor. i. 22 σφραγισάμενος, comp. Eph. iv. 30) or St John (Rev. ix. 4 τὴν σφραγίδα τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐπὶ τῶν μετόπων) used the image with any direct reference to baptism, the Christian equivalent to circumcision, it is indisputable that the term was early applied to that rite: Hermas *Sim.* viii. 6 εὐληφότες τὴν σφραγίδα καὶ τεθλακότες αὐτὴν καὶ μὴ τηρήσαντες ὑγιῆ κ.τ.λ., *Sim.* ix. 16 ὅταν δὲ λάβῃ τὴν σφραγίδα... ἡ σφραγὶς οὖν τὸ ὕδωρ ἔστιν κ.τ.λ.; also *Sim.* viii. 2, ix. 17, 31, 2 [Clement] 7 τῶν γὰρ μὴ τηρησάντων, φησίν, τὴν σφραγίδα compared with § 6 ἐὰν μὴ τηρήσωμεν τὸ βάπτισμα, § 8 τηρήσατε τὴν σφραγίδα ἄσπιλον, *Clem. Hom.* xvi. 19 τὸ σῶμα σφραγίδι μεγίστῃ διατετυπωμένον (with the context), *Act. Paul. et Thecl.* 25 μόνον δός μοι τὴν ἐν Χριστῷ σφραγίδα, Hippol. *Antichr.* 42 (p. 119, Lagarde), Cureton’s *Ancient Syriac Documents*, p. 44. Suicer s.v. quotes Clem. Alex. *Quis div. salv.* 39 (p. 957), *Strom.* ii. 3 (p. 434) and later writers.

Indications are not wanting to show that the writer of the Epistle of Barnabas was acquainted with the Epistle to the Romans. Witness this use of *σφραγὶς* (§ 9) and the phrase *τῶν πιστευόντων δι’ ἀκροβυντίας* (§ 13, 6, see next note), both taken from Rom. iv. 11, κολλώμενοι ἀγαθῷ (§ 20) compared with Rom. xii. 9, and the passage quoted above on Rom. iv. 5, which may have been suggested by Rom. v. 8.

δι’ ἀκροβυντίας] The preposition points, not to the instrumentality, but to the condition: uncircumcision was the stage through which they passed into belief. See the note on ii. 27 διὰ γράμματος. The passage in Barnabas § 13 is combined with two Old Testament quotations (Gen. xv. 6, xvii. 5), ίδον τέθεικά σε, Ἀβραάμ, πατέρα ἐθνῶν τῶν πιστευόντων δι’ ἀκροβυντίας τῷ Θεῷ.

12. πατέρα περιτομῆς] To be attached to *εἰς τὸ εἶναι αὐτὸν* (ver. 11), the intervening clause *εἰς τὸ λογισθῆναι κ.τ.λ.* being dependent on the preceding *εἰς τὸ εἶναι*.

The genitive *περιτομῆς* does not describe Abraham’s progeny, as many commentators take it, but his own condition. In other words, the phrase means, not ‘a father of a circumcised progeny,’ but ‘a father belonging to circumcision, himself circumcised.’ The meaning is, ‘though himself belonging to the circumcision, yet his fatherhood extends beyond the circumcision to all who imitate his faith.’ Compare xv. 8, where a similar expression διάκονον *περιτομῆς* is followed by a similar expansion. The parallel is exact in the two cases, viz. the widening of the circle from the Jewish centre. The prerogative is with the Jew, but otherwise there is equality (Rom. i. 16).

τοῖς οὐκ ἐκ περιτομῆς κ.τ.λ.] Literally ‘to those who are, I do not say, of circumcision only, but also to those who walk.’ Two different forms of sentence have been confused; as in 1 Cor. xv. 51 πάντες οὐ κομηθησόμεθα

πάντες δὲ ἀλλαγησόμεθα, where the confusion is between οὐ *πάντες κοιμ.* *πάντες* δὲ ἀλλαγ. and *πάντες οὐ κοιμ.* ἀλλαγ. δέ. Here the two sentences would run (1) *τοῖς ἐκ περιτομῆς καὶ τοῖς στοιχοῦσιν*, (2) οὐ *μόνον τοῖς ἐκ περιτομῆς ἀλλὰ καὶ τοῖς στοιχοῦσιν*. A somewhat similar combination is observable in Phil. i. 29. There is no occasion therefore to alter the text either by changing *καὶ τοῖς στοιχοῦσιν* into *καὶ αὐτοῖς στοιχοῦσιν*, or by transposing *καὶ* and *τοῖς*, as has been proposed.

τοῖς στοιχοῦσιν τοῖς ἔχνεσιν ‘*who walk by the steps.*’ Comp. Gal. vi. 16 ὅσοι τῷ κανόνι τούτῳ στοιχήσουσιν, v. 25 *πνεύματι καὶ στοιχόμεν.* The dative with *στοιχεῖν*, *περιπατεῖν* etc. marks the line or direction; see the notes on Gal. II. cc. Hence ‘*by*’ is a better rendering here than ‘*in*.’

13. οὐ γὰρ διὰ νόμου] St Paul turns from *ἡ περιτομὴ* to *ὁ νόμος.* Circumcision and Law were separate in time and in origin. But from the moment of the institution of the Law they were co-extensive in their operation: for those under the Law were under the Circumcision. The point of the promise not being by law is more lightly touched upon here than the fact of its not being of circumcision. On the other hand in Gal. iii. 7 sq. this converse truth is enlarged upon.

κόσμον] I cannot agree with Dr Vaughan that the absence of the article here (and elsewhere xi. 12, 15, Gal. vi. 14, 1 Cor. iii. 22, 2 Cor. v. 19) with *κόσμος* ‘gives the sense of *such a thing as the world*, so vast, so magnificent.’ Like *οὐρανός*, *γῆ*, *βασιλεὺς* etc., *κόσμος* can be used anarthrous, because it is a quasi-proper name. The same rule applies to numerals (see note on Phil. i. 5, *ἀπὸ πρώτης ἡμέρας*), because a numeral is sufficiently definite in itself without the addition of the article.

14. The argument, here briefly stated, is elaborated in Gal. iii. 16 sq. Thus the verse must be taken as parenthetical, and verse 15 attached directly to verse 13. ‘The law cannot work out the fulfilment of the promise. The effect is just the opposite: it works out as its consequence wrath.’

16. *διὰ τοῦτο*] i.e. because law, as law, can only result in transgression and punishment. For the idea of *κατὰ χάριν* ‘by way of a favour,’ see Eph. ii. 5, 8; for the ellipse after *ἴwa*, the notes on Gal. ii. 9, 1 Cor. i. 31.

βεβαίαν] ‘*ratified.*’ On the derivation of *βεβαίως* see Curtius, Greich. Etym. pp. 415, 416; for this special meaning compare *διαθήκη ἐπὶ νεκροῖς βεβαίᾳ* (Heb. ix. 17), *βεβαίωσις* (Phil. i. 7, Heb. vi. 16), *βεβαιοῦν* (Rom. xv. 8, 1 Cor. i. 6, Heb. ii. 3).

τῷ ἐκ τοῦ νόμου] ‘*who springs from the law*,’ ‘*who is born, as it were, by the law to Abraham.*’

17. *πατήρ πάντων ἡμῶν*] We have already arrived at something more than the statement with which the objection started (ver. 1 *τὸν προπάτορα ἡμῶν*, i.e. ‘*of us Jews*’).

ὅτι πατέρα κ.τ.λ.] In the original text (LXX. Gen. xvii. 5 *ἔσται τὸ ὄνομά σου Ἀβραὰμ ὅτι κ.τ.λ.*) the *ὅτι* signifies not ‘*that*,’ but ‘*because*;’ and if we take *ὅτι* as part of the actual quotation, we must so render it. Here

however, as in iii. 10, viii. 36 and frequently, it probably introduces the words quoted.

κατίναντι οὐ κ.τ.λ.] I prefer to connect these words with *eis τὸ εἶναι βεβαῖαν...σπέρματι* rather than with what immediately precedes, and to consider the intervening clause *οὐ τῷ ἐκ τοῦ...τέθεικά σε* as a parenthesis, explaining the meaning and substantiating the truth of *παντὶ τῷ σπέρματι*. This seems to be the only suitable connexion. Where it is a question of verification, of confirmation, this reference to the presence of God is common (2 Cor. iv. 2, Gal. i. 20, 1 Tim. v. 21, vi. 13 etc.).

On the grammatical construction of *κατέναντι οὐ* see Winer, § xxiv. pp. 204, 206. I do not however agree with Winer and Meyer in resolving the sentence into *κατέναντι Θεοῦ κατέναντι οὐ ἐπίστευσε*, because (1) *πιστεύειν κατέναντι τίνος* is not a natural phrase, and (2) the passage itself which St Paul has in mind (Gen. xv. 6) has the dative (*ἐπίστευσε τῷ Θεῷ*). I follow Fritzsche in resolving into *κατέναντι Θεοῦ ω̄ ἐπίστευσε*: comp. for the dative Matt. xxiv. 38 ἄχρι ἡ̄ς ἡμέρας (for ἄχρι τῆς ἡμέρας ἦ̄) εἰσῆλθεν Νῶε. The attraction is made more easy by the fact that the relative precedes the substantive, as in Matt. l. c., Luke i. 4.

τοῦ ζωοποιούντος κ.τ.λ.] This quickening of the dead and evoking something out of nothing refers *primarily* to Abraham and Sarah (comp. the phrases *σῶμα νεκρωμένον, τὴν νέκρωσιν τῆς μήτρας Σάρρας*, ver. 19) and the birth of Isaac (*τὰ μὴ ὄντα ὡς ὄντα*); *secondarily*, to their spiritual descendants, i.e. the Church and more especially the Gentile Church (Eph. ii. 1, 5, 10, Col. ii. 12, 13). See also the baptismal formula given hymn-wise in Eph. v. 14. The Gentile Church rises from the dead with the risen Christ. In the passages from Ephesians and Colossians, the resurrection of the Gentile Church is connected with the resurrection of Christ; and so here, ver. 24. Thus, as at once *ζωοποιηθέντες νεκροὶ* and *κανὴ κρίσις* (comp. Eph. ii. 10 *κτισθέντες*), Christians can truly be called *τὰ μὴ ὄντα* become *ὄντα*. For the phrase *καλοῦντος τὰ μὴ ὄντα κ.τ.λ.* as a description of the creative work of God see 2 [Clement] § 1 ἐκάλεσεν γὰρ ἡμᾶς οὐκ ὄντας καὶ ήθέλασεν ἐκ μὴ ὄντος εἶναι ἡμᾶς, Philo de Creat. Princ. 7 (II. p. 367) *τὰ γὰρ μὴ ὄντα ἐκάλεσεν εἰς τὸ εἶναι*, Hermas Vis. i. 1. 6 κρίσις ἐκ τοῦ μὴ ὄντος τὰ ὄντα, Mand. i. 2 ποιήσας ἐκ τοῦ μὴ ὄντος εἰς τὸ εἶναι τὰ πάντα, Clem. Hom. iii. 32 τῷ τὰ μὴ ὄντα εἰς τὸ εἶναι συστησαμένῳ.

18. **ἐπ' ἀπίδι]** ‘on the strength of hope’; not governed by *ἐπίστευσεν*, but independent, as in v. 2: ‘contrary to hope he believed under the condition,’ or ‘upon the ground, of hope.’ The variant *ἐφ’ ἀπίδι* (read by CDF) is not sufficiently well supported either here or v. 2 (DF) to find a place in the text: but it should be read in viii. 20 (NBDF). On similar aspirated forms see the notes on Phil. ii. 22 ἀφίδω, Gal. ii. 14 οὐχ *Ιουδαικῶς*.

οὕτως κ.τ.λ.] Only a part of the quotation (Gen. xv. 5) is given: as above (ver. 8), his readers would mentally continue it.

19. **μὴ ἀσθενήσας κ.τ.λ.]** ‘without any weakness in his faith he faced

the facts of. The removal of the *οὐ* (of the Textus Receptus) before *κατενόησεν* which external evidence demands, brings out the idiomatic character of the *μὴ* before *ἀσθενήσας* and the true significance of *κατενόησεν* which is a strong term (e.g. James i. 23, 24 ‘sees every lineament of his face in a glass’), ‘he clearly perceived,’ ‘discerned,’ and did not flinch before the fact. Abraham *did* face the fact: see Gen. xvii. 17 where he is represented as referring to his age, and esp. Heb. xi. 19 *λογισάμενος ὅτι καὶ ἐκ νεκρῶν ἔγειρεν δυνατὸς ὁ Θεός*, a passage which may perhaps be taken to show that the writer of that Epistle was acquainted with the Epistle to the Romans (see *νεκρωμένον* in this verse compared with Heb. xi. 12).

ἐκαπονταετής που] ‘about a hundred years old?’ ‘The addition of *που* qualifies the exactness of the preceding numeral’ (Vaughan). The first promise of a son from whom the chosen race was to spring was made (Gen. xv. 3 sq.) we cannot say exactly when, but before the birth of Ishmael which took place when Abraham was eighty-six years old (Gen. xvi. 16). The second promise of a son Isaac was given when Abraham was ninety-nine (Gen. xvii. 1), and is associated with the institution of circumcision (Gen. xvii. 24); but Abraham at that time by a natural exaggeration speaks of himself as a hundred (Gen. xvii. 17 *εἰ τῷ ἐκαπονταετοῦ γενήσεται νίος;*).

20. *εἰς δὲ]* The connecting particle shows that the true reading must have been *κατενόησεν* without the negative: ‘he clearly saw, but yet he did not doubt.’

τῇ ἀπιστίᾳ, τῇ πίστει] For the article comp. 2 Cor. i. 17 *τῇ ἐλαφρίᾳ* ‘the fickleness with which ye charge me.’ It is perhaps best to consider both *τῇ ἀπιστίᾳ* and *τῇ πίστει* as instrumental datives.

Ἐνδυναμώθη] A characteristic word of St Paul (Eph. vi. 10, Phil. iv. 13, 1 Tim. i. 12, 2 Tim. ii. 1, iv. 17), peculiar to him and to St Luke (Acts ix. 22) in the N. T. The simple verb *δυναμοῦν* is rarer (Col. i. 11, Heb. xi. 34). *Ἐνδυναμώσθαι* is here used absolutely, as in Acts 1.c.: comp. the absolute use of *ἐνεργεῖσθαι* (e.g. 2 Cor. iv. 12, Gal. v. 6).

δοὺς δόξαν] The leading idea here is the recognition of God’s almighty power and goodness; not the feeling of thanksgiving on Abraham’s part.

21. 8 *ἐπίγγελται*] ‘what He has promised.’ The word for ‘to promise’ is necessarily not *ἐπαγγέλλειν* ‘to announce,’ but *ἐπαγγέλλεσθαι* middle ‘to announce on one’s part.’ Thus ὁ *ἐπίγγελται* here may be either ‘what has been promised’ or ‘what He has promised;’ for instances of the perfect and pluperfect passive in a middle signification are common in the N. T.; e.g. Acts xiii. 2 *προσκέλημαι*, xvi. 10 *προσκέληται*, xxv. 12 *ἐπικέλησαι*, John ix. 22 *συνετέθειτο*, 1 Pet. iv. 3 *πεπορεύμένους*. The perfect of *ἐπαγγέλλεσθαι* occurs in the active sense Heb. xii. 26 *νῦν δὲ ἐπίγγελται λέγων*, in the passive sense probably Gal. iii. 19 *ῳ ἐπίγγελται* and certainly 2 Macc. iv. 27 *τῶν ἐπηγγελμένων τῷ βασιλεῖ*

χρημάτων; comp. Clement of Rome § 35 ὅπως μεταλάβωμεν τῶν ἐπηγγελμένων δωρεῶν. Here the proximity of δυνατός rather points to the active sense. For the N. T. meaning of ἐπαγγέλλεσθαι, ἐπαγγελία implying always a free proffer, a spontaneous gift on God's part, see the note on Gal. iii. 14 τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν.

24. λογίζεσθαι.] probably passive, as in ver. 4, where see the note.

τοῖς πιστεύοντιν] 'to us, I mean, believers' etc. The rendering of the A. V. 'if we believe' cannot stand. For the expression here comp. Eph. i. 19, 1 Thess. ii. 10, 13. The Resurrection was at that time especially the cardinal article of the Christian faith (x. 9); I have set forth some of the practical bearings of the doctrine in the note on Phil. iii. 10 τὴν δύναμιν κ.τ.λ.

25. οὐ παρεδόθη κ.τ.λ.] A reference to Is. liii. 12. There is an opposition between παρεδόθη and ἡγέρθη, as between παραπτώματα and δικαίωσιν. Christ consented to die because we were dead; He rose to life that we might be made alive by our acquittal. In His betrayal and death we die to sin; in His resurrection we rise to new life. Thus the two clauses represent the negative and the positive side of the same operations. This is another way of expressing the idea of dying with Christ which is so common in St Paul (Rom. vi. 5, 6, 10, 11, viii. 10).

CHAPTER V.

vii. *The results of this position of righteousness through faith* (v. 1—11).

1. **ἔχωμεν**] If external authority is to be regarded, this (not **ἔχομεν**) is unquestionably the right reading. In the New Testament generally, as here, it is man who is regarded as at enmity with God, not God at enmity with man. The death of Christ is represented as reconciling man to God, not God to man. I would not say that it would be theologically wrong to speak of God as estranged from us; but the reverse is the usual practice in the New Testament, and the case is exactly represented in the Parable of the Prodigal Son. For God loves us with a father's love, even though we have turned our backs upon Him; just as that father yearned for his son's return:

The force of the phrase is this: 'let us be at peace, let us not continue to fight against God (Acts v. 39 **θεομάχοι**). Potentially we are justified: let us appropriate our privileges, let us make them actual' (comp. Col. i. 20 sq.). Hence the imperative. For the phrase employed here Wetstein appositely quotes Herodian viii. 7 ἀντὶ πολέμου μὲν εἰρήνην **ἔχοντες πρὸς θεούς**.

2. **τὴν προσαγωγὴν ἔσχήκαμεν**] 'we have gained our access, entrance.' Christ is considered no longer as the door, but as the introducer. To realise the force of the metaphor we must recal the formalities with which an Eastern monarch is surrounded. The idea is still further brought out in Eph. ii. 18, and Eph. iii. 12 (where it is strengthened by the phrase **τὴν παρηγίαν καὶ προσαγωγήν**, 'freedom of speech as well as right of admittance'). See Tholuck and Meyer here, and compare Plutarch *Moral.* p. 522 F.

καυχώμεθα κ.τ.λ.] **Καυχώμεθα** is best taken as an indicative and connected with **ἔσχήκαμεν**: **ἐπ'** **ἐλπίδι** 'on the strength of the hope' (as in iv. 18), giving the conditions under which we boast. On the expression **τῆς δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ** and what it implies, see the note on iii. 23.

3. **οὐ μόνον δὲ δλλὰ καὶ**] This ellipse occurs five times in St Paul, in all cases in Epistles of this period (Rom. v. 3, 11, viii. 23, ix. 10, 2 Cor. viii. 19).

καυχώμενοι] The irregularity of the construction recommends this reading. It is more probable that **καυχώμενοι** should have been changed into **καυχώμεθα** for grammatical reasons and by mechanical repetition from the preceding verse, than that the indicative should have been changed into the participle to conform with ver. 11. Otherwise the authorities somewhat favour the indicative (**καυχώμεθα** NADFL Chrys. Theodoret, Theophylact, Cyprian; **καυχώμενοι** BC Origen, Tertull.).

δοκιμήν] The substantive means in the N. T. either (1) 'the process of testing or proving,' 2 Cor. viii. 2; or (2) 'the state or disposition so ascertained, the tested quality,' 'value,' Phil. ii. 22, 2 Cor. ii. 9, ix. 13, xiii. 3, though in all these passages the first meaning might stand. This latter is probably the signification here. This sense approaches very close to **τὸ δοκίμιον** (James i. 3, 1 Pet. i. 7) and the metaphor of assaying by fire is frequent under other terms also (**πύρωσις, πυροῦσθαι**, 1 Pet. iv. 12, Rev. iii. 18, Ps. lxvi. 10). Compare the double sense of **δοκιμάζειν** (see the notes on 1 Thess. ii. 4, v. 21).

5. **οὐ κατασχόνται**] Very probably St Paul had in his mind Eccl. ii. 10 **τὶς ἐν ἐπίστευσεν Κυρίῳ καὶ κατησχύνθη**, for in the immediate context occurs **ἐν πνῷ δοκιμάζεται χρυσὸς καὶ ἀνθρώπου δεκτὸι ἐν καμίνῳ ταπεινώσεως** (ver. 5), which illustrates **δοκιμὴν** above.

ἡ ἀγάπη τοῦ Θεοῦ] Primarily 'God's love towards us,' as the context requires (1 John iv. 10); but this (see Vaughan) 'awakens a response of love in us' (1 John iv. 19) towards Him and towards our fellow-man.

ἴκκεχνται] The word denotes both abundance and diffusion.

6. Two points regarding the text of this verse require consideration.

(1) The **ἔτι** after **ἀσθενῶν** must certainly be retained. The preponderance of authority is enormously in its favour. Moreover there was every temptation in a scribe to omit it (see Reiche *Comm. Crit.* p. 38).

(2) The more difficult question remains. At the beginning of the verse are we to read (a) **ἔτι γὰρ** with NACD*K, the Syriac (except the Peshito), Marcion, Chrysostom and Theodoret, (b) **εἰς τί γὰρ** with D²FG, Irenaeus (Lat.) and the Latin versions, (c) **εἰ γὰρ (ἔτι)** with *h* of the Old Latin, the Codex Fuldensis of the Vulgate, Isidore of Pelusium and Augustine, or (d) **εἰ γέ** with B alone? There are also several other variations with but slight support (as **εἰ δὲ** L Peshito) which may be neglected. The choice seems to lie between the two extremes **ἔτι γὰρ** and **εἰ γέ**. I should adopt **ἔτι γὰρ** and consider **εἰς τί γὰρ, εἰ γὰρ** to have been corrections made to avoid the double **ἔτι**, and **εἰ γέ** to be a further correction. Possibly however the series of changes began at the other end with **εἰ γέ** as the original reading. In Gal. v. 11 **εἰ περιτομὴν ᔔτι κηρύσσω τί ᔔτι διώκομαι**; the first **ἔτι** is (wrongly) thrown out by the same manuscripts (DFG) which read **εἰς τί γὰρ** here.

If we read **ἔτι γὰρ** and so preserve the double **ἔτι**, the second **ἔτι** must not be taken in the sense of 'moreover'; but must be explained by the

trajection in the first ἔτι (Winer § lxi. p. 692) which gives occasion for the insertion of the word later on to clear the sense. For a repetition of ἔτι in the same member of the sentence comp. Pindar *Nem.* ix. 47 (111) οὐκέτ' ἔστι πόρων θνατὸν ἔτι σκοπίας ἀλλα ἐφάψασθαι, but it is undoubtedly rare. On the other hand, if εἴ γε be adopted, we may compare Eph. iii. 2 εἴ γε ἤκουσατε: but the construction is not much after St Paul's manner here.

κατὰ καιρὸν 'at the proper time': comp. Eph. i. 10, Gal. iv. 4 (with the note), Tit. i. 3. Christ came when the law had fulfilled its work, when the race had attained its majority.

ὑπὲρ ἀστεβῶν] A strong expression (as in iv. 5) to emphasize the greatness of the boon. Such language may have given rise to the extraordinary statement in the Epistle of Barnabas § 5 quoted above (iv. 5), an exaggeration only to be accounted for by passages like these where the Apostles depreciate themselves in order to enhance the grace of God. Failing absolutely to understand St Paul's motive, Celsus wields this saying against the Christians.

7. μόλις γὰρ] 'Died for the impious. This is the strongest proof of His love. For you will scarce find one willing to die for a *just man*; though for the *good* man persons might be found ready to die.'

The more recent commentators generally make the two expressions *ὑπὲρ δικαιούν* and *ὑπὲρ τοῦ ἀγαθοῦ* as equivalent or nearly so; and consider that *ὑπὲρ γὰρ τοῦ ἀγαθοῦ* is a justification of the Apostle's use of *μόλις* 'hardly' in place of *οὐ* 'not': as if he had meant 'I say *hardly*, for exceptional cases there are.' So Meyer, Jowett, Vaughan (if I understand him aright). Alford is an honourable exception, but he does not quite see the force of the passage.

The fact is that the *δίκαιος* and the *ἀγαθὸς* represent two distinct types of character, as the following passages will show.

Clem. Hom. xvii. 5 ὁ δὲ ἐκδικούντα καὶ ἀμειβόμενον λέγων Θεὸν δίκαιον αὐτὸν τῇ φύσει συνιστησιν καὶ οὐκ ἀγαθόν...ποτὲ μὲν ἀγαθὸν λέγων, ποτὲ δὲ δίκαιον, οὐδὲ οὕτως συμφωνεῖ, xviii. 1 εἰ μὲν οὖν νομοθέτης ἔστιν, δίκαιος τυγχάνει, δίκαιος δὲ ὁν ἀγαθὸς οὐκ ἔστιν...καὶ ὁ Πέτρος ἔφη· πρῶτον ἡμῖν εἰπέ, ἐπὶ ποιαῖς πράξεσι δοκεῖ σοι ὁ ἀγαθὸς εἶναι, ἐπὶ ποιαῖς δὲ ὁ δίκαιος...καὶ ὁ Σίμων· σὺ πρῶτον εἰπέ, τί σοι δοκεῖ τὸ ἀγαθὸν ἡ καὶ τὸ δίκαιον. There is much argument between the two on this point, in the course of which (§ 3) St Peter says ὅτι δὲ τὸ δίκαιον ἄλλο ἔστιν καὶ τὸ ἀγαθὸν ἔτερον καὶ αὐτὸς ὄμολογῷ, ἀλλ' ὅτι τοῦ αὐτοῦ ἔστι τὸ ἀγαθὸν εἶναι καὶ δίκαιον, ἀγνοεῖ, and again § 14 πῶς ἔστι τοῦτο ἀγαθόν, ὁ μὴ δίκαιον ἔστιν κ.τ.λ. So ii. 13 χωρὶς πάσῃς ἀντιλογίας ὁ Θεὸς ἀγαθὸς ὁν καὶ δίκαιος ἔστιν, and iv. 13 τῇ φύσει ἀγαθὸν καὶ δίκαιον ἀγαθὸν μὲν ὡς μεταμελομένοις χαριζόμενον τὰ ἀμαρτήματα, δίκαιον δὲ ὡς ἑκάστῳ μετὰ τὴν μετάνοιαν κατ' ἀξίαν τῶν πεπραγμένων ἐπεξιώντα.

Irenaeus i. 27. 1 of Cerdon's teaching of two Gods, καὶ τὸν μὲν δίκαιον τὸν δὲ ἀγαθὸν ὑπάρχειν.

Ptolemaeus *Epist. ad Flor.* § 4 (in Epiphan. *Hær.* xxxiii. 7) εἰ ὁ τελεῖος

Θεὸς ἀγαθός ἔστι κατὰ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ φύσιν...ἔστι δὲ καὶ ὁ τῆς τοῦ ἀντικειμένου φύσεως κακός τε καὶ πονηρός...τούτων οὖν μέσος καθεστώς, καὶ μήτε ἀγαθὸς ὁν, μήτε μὴν κακός, μήδε ἄδικος, ιδίως τε λεχθεὶν ἀν δίκαιος. This is exactly what we want. The *dikaios* falls short of the *agathos*, but yet he is neither *κακὸς* nor *ἄδικος*.

Athenagoras *Legat.* 34 quoted by Wetstein (p. 38 A) οὐ γὰρ ἀπαρκεῖ δίκαιον εἶναι (ἔστι δὲ δικαιοσύνης ἵστα ἵστοις ἀμείβειν), ἀλλ᾽ ἀγαθοῖς καὶ ἀνεξικάκοις εἶναι πρόκειται.

In Clement of Alexandria *Pædag.* i. 8. 62 (p. 135 sq. Potter) there is a whole chapter πρὸς τοὺς ἱγουμένους μὴ εἶναι ἀγαθὸν τὸ δίκαιον. He says (§ 63) τὸ δὲ ἀγαθὸν ή ἀγαθόν ἔστιν, οὐδὲν ἄλλο ποιεῖ ή ὅτι ὠφελεῖ (p. 136) with much more to the same effect, καὶ κατὰ Πλάτωνα ὄμολογεῖται ἀγαθὸν εἶναι τὸ δίκαιον (§ 67, p. 138), ὅτι μὲν ἀγαθὸς ὁ Θεὸς καὶ τἀπαντεῖται ὄμολογοῦσιν οἱ πάντες· ὅτι δὲ καὶ δίκαιος ὁ αὐτὸς Θεὸς οὐ μοι χρὴ πλειόνων ἔτι λόγων (§ 71, p. 140), and see also the following chapter.

In classical literature one example will suffice, though many could be adduced.

Plato *Resp.* i. p. 350 C ὁ μὲν ἄρα δίκαιος ἡμῖν ἀναπέφανται ὃν ἀγαθὸς τε καὶ σοφός.

Thus the distinction between *dikaios* and *agathos* is very much the same as the Aristotelian distinction between the *ἀκριβοδίκαιος* and the *ἐπιεικής* (*Eth. Nic.* v. 14), between the man, that is to say, who is scrupulously just, and the man who is prepared to make allowances. Shylock might be *dikaios*, but he was not *agathos*. The ‘sumnum jus’ may become ‘summa injuria.’

And for the matter in hand, there is all the difference in the world between the *agathos* and the *dikaios*. The *agathos*, as such, is full of sympathy and consideration for others. The well-being of others is his first concern. He is beneficent and kind. This is the idea of *ἀγαθότης*. On the other hand the *dikaios*, as such, puts out of sight the feelings of others. He is absolutely without sympathy. Now sympathy elicits sympathy. Consequently the *agathos* will be met with sympathy: others will be ready to do and to suffer for him in their turn: but the *dikaios* will evoke no such love, no willingness to make sacrifices in return.

Hence St Paul’s language here. ‘For a *good* man some perchance may have courage to die; for a *just* man you will hardly, if at all, find any one ready to sacrifice his life: yet though we were not only not *good*, were not even *just*, yea, were worse than unjust, worse than sinners (*ἁμαρτωλοί*), were even *ἀσεβεῖς* (recklessly and contemptuously set the will of God at defiance), yet Christ died for us.’

τοῦ ἀγαθοῦ] The definite article is added to throw a little more emphasis on the word. *Toū ἀγαθοῦ* here cannot be neuter, as some take it: for, *first*, the context requires a person; *secondly*, as a matter of fact, people are not so ready to die for a good principle as for a good person, because in the latter case their personal sympathies are excited.

9. οὐν] The οὐν should be retained, its omission in some texts being connected with the manipulation of the reading of the beginning of ver. 6, from a desire to form a suitable apodosis to such readings as εἰ γάρ, εἰ γέ. If however εἴ γέ be read, εἴ γέ...ἀπέθανεν is not the protasis of a new sentence, but is to be connected with what precedes: οὐν therefore must stand in any case.

σωθησμένα] "In the language of the New Testament salvation is a thing of the past, a thing of the present, and a thing of the future. St Paul says sometimes 'Ye (or we) were saved' (Rom. viii. 24), or 'Ye have been saved' (Eph. ii. 5, 8), sometimes 'Ye are being saved' (1 Cor. xv. 2), and sometimes 'Ye shall be saved' (Rom. x. 9, 13). It is important to observe this, because we are thus taught that σωτηρία involves a moral condition which must have begun already, though it will receive its final accomplishment hereafter. Godliness, righteousness, is life, is salvation. And it is hardly necessary to say that the divorce of morality and religion must be fostered and encouraged by failing to note this and so laying the whole stress either on the past or on the future—on the first call or on the final change" (*On a Fresh Revision*, 1891, p. 104). The moral condition, not the physical, is the leading idea in σωτηρία, and binds all the meanings together.

ἀπὸ τῆς ὄργῆς] 'from the wrath' of God: comp. iii. 5, ix. 22, where however ὁ Θεὸς occurs in the context. Compare therefore Rom. xii. 19 δότε τόπον τῇ ὄργῃ, and 1 Thess. i. 10 (with the note), where the word (like τὸ θέλημα, τὸ ὄνομα) is used absolutely.

10. κατηλλάγμεν τῷ Θεῷ] In accordance with the universal language of the New Testament which speaks of mankind as reconciled in Christ to God, not God as reconciled to man. See 2 Cor. v. 18 sq., Col. i. 21. It is true that New Testament writers do use the expression 'the wrath of God' borrowed from the O. T., employing it καὶ ἀνθρώπον and καταχρηστικῶς; but when they speak at length upon the subject, the hostility is represented not as on the part of God, but of man. And this is the reason why the Apostles never use διαλλάσσειν in this connection, but always καταλλάσσειν; because the former word denotes mutual concession after mutual hostility (Matt. v. 24 and LXX. frequently), an idea absent from καταλλάσσειν. Thus the New Testament is the revelation of the higher truth that God is love.

Prof. Jowett strangely states in his note that 'the comparison of Col. i. 21...shows that ἔχθρος may have an active as well as passive meaning.' But surely the common meaning of ἔχθρος is active, at least from the Attic age onward, and in prose; and it is the universal use in the New Testament.

ἐν τῇ Ιωῇ αὐτοῦ] i.e. rising in His resurrection and living in His life.

11. οὐ μόνον δὲ ἀλλὰ] See on ver. 3 above.

νῦν] i.e. under the present dispensation.

viii. *The terms 'life' and 'death' explained (v. 12—21).*

12. **Θι τοῦτο]** 'This being so—since we have been already reconciled in Christ and look forward to eternal salvation, it comes to pass that as one man brought death into the world, so one man also brought life.'

ωσπερ] The apodosis should have run, 'so also through one man came righteousness, and through righteousness, life.' Comp. 1 Cor. xv. 22, which contains the germ of this passage, as elsewhere that epistle anticipates this. Thus the apodosis would have expressed the analogy between the First and the Second Adam. But it is lost sight of in a number of dependent clauses, beginning with *καὶ οὐτῶς κ.τ.λ.*; and instead of the resemblance, the contrasts of the two come prominently forward in vv. 15 sq. The apodosis disappears; and the sentence is resumed with another protasis in ver. 18, where *ἄρα οὖν* marks the fact of the resumption.

ἀνθρώπου] The word is more or less emphatic, because the parallel points from the humanity of Adam to the humanity of Christ: see ver. 15.

ὁ θάνατος] Physical death in the first instance and in the Mosaic narrative: but spiritual death as further implied therein; just as in the correlative both physical and spiritual life are included. In the Apostle's mind the two ideas are inseparable.

διῆλθεν ἐφ' φί κ.τ.λ.] Sin passed, as it were, from the one frontier to the other of humanity. The disease was communicated to the whole race, not inasmuch as all were descendants of Adam, but inasmuch as all sinned.

13. **ἄχρι γὰρ κ.τ.λ.]** This is to justify the assertion that all sinned. An objection starts up in the Apostle's mind, 'What about the time before Moses, when there was no law?' and this objection he proceeds to deal with. Yes: sin was there, even when there was no law to make the items appear in black and white.

οὐκ ἔλλογάται] 'is not reckoned in the account.' The sin is there; but it did not take the form of transgression and so is not set down. On the two forms *ἔλλογάν*, *ἔλλογεῖν* and similar pairs of verbs, see the note on Philemon 18 *ἔλλόγα*.

14. **ἴβασθεντεν]** 'reigned,' dominated, carried all before it; see ver. 21 below.

καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν μὴ ἀμαρτήσαντας] The omission of *μὴ* is at least as early as Origen (see Reiche *Comm. Crit.* p. 42); but it is the true reading, (1) as being the better supported, (2) as required by the context, more especially by the *καὶ* and the *πάντες ἡμάρτων*. (3) The omission of *μὴ* if genuine, was more natural than the insertion of *μὴ* if spurious. It would appear to scribes to be reasonable that Adam's punishment should fall on those only who followed Adam's sin.

The question of the reading being thus decided, it remains to consider what interpretation should be put on the expression *ἐπὶ τὸν μὴ ἀμαρτή-*

σαννας κ.τ.λ. The interpretations which make the penalty of death fall on those who did not actually sin are mainly twofold. The first takes ἐπὶ τῷ ὄμοιώματι closely with ἐβασιλεύσει, explaining the phrase to mean 'by reason of the likeness of the sin'; that is, the likeness only, for, where no law is, there is no direct imputation of sin. But this view is distinctly excluded by the words πάντες ἡμάρτον above. According to St Paul's teaching, all did sin. The other explanation is to disconnect μὴ from ἐπὶ τῷ ὄμοιώματι and by giving a somewhat strained meaning to ἐπὶ τῷ ὄμοιώματι to arrive at the result, 'they did not commit sin, in the sense in which Adam committed sin,' i.e. they were not guilty of actual, but only of imputed sin. The passage however distinctly implies that they did commit actual sin; though it was sin not according to the likeness of Adam's sin. In what way then did their sin differ from his? Calvin replies: 'quia non habebant, ut ille, revelatam certo oraculo Dei voluntatem,' that is, did not sin against an express command, had not transgressed a definite precept, but only the law within (Rom. ii. 14). But this is not quite satisfactory, and a wider application ought probably to be given to the whole passage.

ὅς οἵτινι τύπος] 'Inasmuch as all were involved in the consequences of the sin in the one case, of the righteousness in the other case.' But observe that in both cases the descendants are involved in these consequences by participation and communication, not by imputation.

τοῦ μέλλοντος] Christ is future as regards Adam and Eve and the Jewish world, though not as regards St Paul. The Apostle doubtless has in his mind the Messianic titles ὁ μέλλων, ὁ ἐρχόμενος, on which see *Biblical Essays*, p. 149. Strictly speaking, the life, death and resurrection of Christ are the proper counterpart and counteraction to the sin of Adam, and these are past from the Apostle's standpoint. The fact that Christ μέλλει κρίνειν ζῶντας καὶ νεκροὺς (2 Tim. iv. 1 quoted by Vaughan) has no bearing on the matter in hand, since the grace, the righteousness and the life, which exist already, are alone under consideration. Thus the past tense ἐπερίσσευσεν (not the future) is used in the next verse.

15–17. St Paul has stated the fact of the analogy (*ὅς οἵτινι τύπος τοῦ μέλλοντος*). He now goes on to speak of the contrasts (vv. 15, 16), and returns to the analogy again (ver. 18 ἀρὰ οὐν). The contrasts are introduced as a corrective to the impression which might be left by the analogy alone. They are prompted by the overwhelming sense of God's goodness and mercy. These contrasts are two, and are introduced in similar terms (ver. 15 ἀλλ οὐχ ὡς... going on ver. 15 εἰ γὰρ..., ver. 16 καὶ οὐχ ὡς... going on ver. 17 εἰ γὰρ...). *First*, there is a contrast in character: on the one side τὸ παράπτωμα resulting in θάνατος, on the other τὸ χάρισμα (ἡ χάρις), ἡ δωρεὰ and all that is implied thereby. *Secondly*, there is a contrast in result: in the one case from the one to the many, in the other from the many to the one.

15. παράπτωμα, χάρισμα] The mere fact that the one is παράπτωμα

and the other *χάρισμα*, the one an act of rebellion bringing death, the other an act of mercy bringing life, sets the two cases as wide as the poles apart.

τοῦ ἑνός, τῶν πολλούς] “In Rom. v. 15—19 there is a sustained contrast between ‘*the one* (*ὁ εἷς*)’ and ‘*the many* (*οἱ πολλοί*)’, but in the English Version the definite article is systematically omitted: ‘If through the offence of one many be dead,’ and so throughout the passage, closing with, ‘For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.’ In place of any comment of my own, I will quote Bentley’s words. Pleading for the correct rendering he says (*Works*, III. p. 224 ed. Dyce), ‘By this accurate version some hurtful mistakes about partial redemption and absolute reprobation had been happily prevented. Our English readers had then seen, what several of the fathers saw and testified, that *οἱ πολλοί the many*, in an antithesis to *the one*, are equivalent to *πάντες all* in ver. 12 and comprehend the whole multitude, the entire species of mankind, exclusive only of *the one*.’ In other words the benefits of Christ’s obedience extend to all men potentially. It is only human self-will which places limits to its operation.” *On a Fresh Revision*, 1891, p. 108.

ἀπέθανον] ‘died,’ i.e. with Adam’s transgression; not ‘be dead’ (A. V.) which would require *τεθνήκαστι* and would be as untrue to facts as to grammar. In many cases they died and are alive again in Christ (Rev. i. 18 *ἐγενόμην νεκρὸς καὶ ἰδοὺ ζῶν εἰμι*).

πολλῷ μᾶλλον] Why ‘much more’? How comes this *a fortiori* argument? The reason is not expressed, but it underlies all St Paul’s theology, as indeed all the N. T. theology; that God is a God of love, that He delighteth not in the death of a sinner, that His will is towards mercy and pardon. Therefore if the effects of sin extended to all, we may be much more sure that the effects of grace will extend to all and this abundantly. There is a similar implication in xi. 15. For *πολλῷ μᾶλλον* introducing an *a fortiori* argument see above vv. 9, 10, and below ver. 17, 1 Cor. xii. 22, 2 Cor. iii. 9, 11.

ἡ δωρεὰ ἐν χάριτι] ‘*the boon which consists in a favour*.’ The distinction between *δωρεά*, *δῶρον* on the one hand and *δόσις*, *δόμα* on the other is drawn out by Philo de *Cherub.* 25 (I. p. 154 ed. Mangey) *τῶν δῶτων τὰ μὲν χάριτος μέσης ήξιώται, ἡ καλέσται δόσις, τὰ δὲ ἀμείνονος ἡς ὄνομα οἰκεῖον δωρεά, Leg. All.* iii. 70 (I. p. 126) *δῶρα δομάτων διαφέρουσι. Τὰ μὲν γὰρ ἔμφασιν μεγέθους τελείων ἀγαθῶν δηλοῦσιν, ἡ τοῖς τελείοις χαρίζεται ὁ θεός, τὰ δὲ εἰς βραχύτατον ἔσταλται ὡν μετέχουσιν οἱ εὐφυεῖς ἀσκηταὶ οἱ προκόπτοντες.* The former pair of words therefore represents something much higher and more excellent than the latter. We are thus able to appreciate St James’ distinction, which some have deemed meaningless, *πᾶσα δόσις ἀγαθὴ καὶ πᾶν δώρημα τέλειον* (James i. 17); and we may notice that while *δόσις* is only called ‘good,’ the epithet ‘perfect’ is applied to *δώρημα*. Consequently as *τέλειον* is an advance upon *ἀγαθῇ*, so is *δώρημα*

upon δόσις. Thus δωρεά is rightly applied by St Paul here and ver. 17 to the gift of righteousness and reconciliation.

τοῦ ἐνδέ αὐθρώπου] The word ἀνθρώπου is emphatic. It was necessary to introduce the idea of the Second Adam here, just as in 1 Tim. ii. 5 a similar stress is laid on the humanity of Christ to show the necessity that the mediator should be a man. Αὐθρώπου is therefore added in this second clause, though omitted in the first.

ἐπερίσσευσεν] For the tense compare ἀπέθανον above. The sin of the race was potentially bound up in the sin of Adam: the restoration of the race in the life and death of Christ.

16. καὶ οὐχ κ.τ.λ.] An abridged expression requiring the addition of ὁ θάνατος τῶν πολλῶν after ἀμαρτήσαντος, and οὗτος καὶ before τὸ δώρημα. The starting-point was not one act extending to many; but conversely many acts leading to one. Again the underlying thought is the abundant mercy of God, which counteracts many transgressions by one righteous deed.

ἀμαρτήσαντος] For the form of this first aorist see Lobeck *Phryni*. p. 732. The v. l. ἀμαρτήματος has some support, but not sufficient. Δώρημα is rightly substituted for δωρεά of the preceding verse; for there the act of giving was the prominent idea, here the boon granted.

ἢ ἐνδέ] probably neuter here, as ἐκ πολλῶν παραπτωμάτων suggests: comp. δι' ἐνδέ δικαιώματος (ver. 18).

δικαιώμα] This word has three senses, all of which are represented in this Epistle; (1) 'an ordinance' (i. 32, ii. 26, viii. 4), its common sense in the New Testament; (2) 'a righteous deed' (v. 18, comp. Rev. xv. 4, xix. 8); (3) 'a sentence, verdict,' here of acquittal. Thus it refers to legislation, to conduct, and to jurisdiction. The second of the meanings given above can be well illustrated from Aristotle: see *Rhet.* i. 13. 1 τὰ ἀδικήματα πάντα καὶ τὰ δικαιώματα (comp. i. 3. 9), *Eth. Nic.* v. 7. (10) καλεῖται δὲ (δικαιώμα) μᾶλλον δικαιοπράγμα τὸ κοινόν· δικαιώμα δὲ τὸ ἐπανόρθωμα τοῦ ἀδικήματος. In this signification therefore, besides its ordinary acceptance of 'a just act' equivalent to δικαιοπράγμα, the word has a special force 'the making right of what is wrong,' and this sense of 'the rectification of an act of injustice' (see Aristotle's *Rhetoric*, ed. Cope and Sandys, I. p. 56) may well come in in the passage v. 18.

17. Observe the accumulation of words, πολλῷ μᾶλλον, τὴν περισσείαν τῆς χάριτος balancing the πολλῷ μᾶλλον, ή χάρις, καὶ ή δωρεὰ ἐν χάριτι of ver. 15.

τῆς δωρεᾶς τῆς δικαιοσύνης] Though this is the reading of the majority of manuscripts, τῆς δωρεᾶς is omitted by B Origen (in two places), Chrysostom, Irenaeus and Augustine, τῆς δικαιοσύνης by C Origen (in one place), while several versions (Vulgate, Peshito and Harklean) smooth the passage down by the insertion of καὶ between the two substantives. These phenomena, when tested by internal evidence, render τῆς δωρεᾶς highly suspicious; and suggest that the phrase was originally intended as

a gloss or a substitute for the seemingly awkward expression *τῆς δικαιοσύνης*, but subsequently crept into the text and was either added to or displaced the original reading *τῆς δικαιοσύνης*.

18. *ἄρα οὖν* ‘well then.’ The contrasts being disposed of, *ἄρα οὖν* introduces and sums up the analogy, the resemblance, between the First and the Second Adam. It is a favourite collocation of particles in St Paul under similar circumstances (vii. 3, 25, viii. 12, ix. 16, 18, xiv. 12, 19, Gal. vi. 10, Eph. ii. 19, 1 Thess. v. 6, 2 Thess. ii. 15).

ἀς δι' ἐνός] To supply the ellipse we require *τὸ κρίμα ἐγένετο, τὸ χάρισμα ἐγένετο*. This elliptical form for the sake of emphasis is not unusual in the case of two antithetical clauses, e.g. x. 17, Gal. ii. 9, 1 Cor. vi. 13, Rev. vi. 6, Clement of Rome, 42 οἱ Χριστὸς οὐν ἀπὸ τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ οἱ ἀπόστολοι ἀπὸ τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

εἰς δικαίωσιν [τῷ] ‘to justification consisting in life,’ the genitive of apposition.

19. *ὑπακοῆς*] On the *ὑπακοὴν* of Christ comp. Phil. ii. 8, Heb. v. 8.

20. *νόμος δὲ*] It is not his main subject; but he has been obliged incidentally to speak of law in order to obviate an objection; and he therefore proceeds now to explain the function of law in reference to the universal sin and the universal redemption.

παρεισῆλθεν] Sin entered in boldly (*εἰσῆλθεν*), death passed over all humanity, over all ages (*διῆλθεν*); but law only came in by the way, by a bye-path (*παρεισῆλθεν*), had only a temporary application, a partial dominion. For the metaphor see Gal. ii. 4 *παρεισάκτους, παρεισῆλθον*.

πλεονάσῃ] Like *περισσεύειν*, the verb *πλεονάζειν* has a transitive as well as an intransitive use (see the note on 1 Thess. iii. 12). Here *πλεονάσῃ* is probably intransitive, as being in accordance with St Paul’s general usage, and corresponding more closely to *ἐπλεόνασεν* of the next clause.

τὸ παράπτωμα, η ἀμαρτία] The words *παράπτωμα* and *παράβασις* (ver. 14) are closely allied, referring respectively to the consequences on the agent and to the line transgressed. But both imply a definite rule broken, a definite line stepped beyond. In other words they presuppose the existence of a law or rule (*νόμος*). ‘Where there is no law, neither is there transgression’ (Rom. iv. 15).

In this they differ from sin (*ἀμαρτία*). There will be sin where there is no law (Rom. v. 13, 14), albeit the sin is not imputed (*οὐκ ἔλλογάται*, see the note on the passage). Thus, though men sinned before the law was given, they did not sin ‘after the likeness of Adam’s transgression’ (v. 14 *ἐπὶ τῷ ὄμοιόματι τῆς παραβάσεως Ἀδάμ*). Hence, though St Paul declares that law multiplies transgression (as here, see also Gal. iii. 19), he says on the other hand that it reveals sin (iii. 20 *διὰ γὰρ νόμου ἐπίγνωσις ἀμαρτίας*, vii. 7, 13). It does not create, but it evokes sin.

So here: the law came not that the sin might abound, but that the transgression might abound. The sin did abound all the time (see the

next verse); and the law, making the transgression abound, brought out this fact patently, forced it upon the conscience. For while transgression is the violation of some special precept, sin is a violation of an eternal principle, higher and wider than any code of definite rules.

21. ὑπερπερισσεύειν] ‘abounded more exceedingly.’ A very strong word. Πλεονάζειν represents the comparative, ‘to increase,’ περισσεύειν the superlative, ‘to abound’; see 1 Thess. iii. 12, where they are so translated in the A. V. But here St Paul is not satisfied with περισσεύειν; he doubles the superlative (as in 2 Cor. vii. 4). On St Paul’s fondness for cumulative compounds in ὑπὲρ especially in the second chronological group of his Epistles, see the note on 1 Thess. iii. 10, where examples are given. Compare also 2 Cor. iv. 17 καθ’ ὑπερβολὴν εἰς ὑπερβολὴν.

ἔβασιλεύειν, βασιλεύσῃ] ‘established its throne, might establish its throne.’ This is the force of the aorist in both cases: comp. Rev. xi. 17, xix. 6, and e.g. Herod. ii. 2 ἐπειδὴ δὲ Ψαμμίτιχος βασιλεύσας ἡθέλησε εἰδέναι οἵτινες γενοίατο πρῶτοι. The sense in v. 14 is somewhat different: see the passage.

CHAPTER VI.

ix., x. *The influence of our spiritual position upon our conduct*
(vi. 1—23).

1. ἐπιμένωμεν] The right reading unquestionably (not ἐπιμενοῦμεν); so below, ver. 15 ἀμαρτήσωμεν (not ἀμαρτήσομεν). The conjunctives are stronger than the futures, and represent the indignant rejoinder of some objector, ‘Has it come to this that we are obliged to continue in sin? Is nothing left but this?’ The antinomian inference, if it hold good at all, must be obligatory, not permissive.

τῇ ἀμαρτίᾳ] Perhaps ‘the sin,’ and η χάρις ‘the grace,’ referring to v. 20, 21. For ἐπιμένειν τῷ in the sense of ‘to cling to,’ see the note on Phil. i. 24.

2. μὴ γένοιτο] The thought is abhorrent to the Apostle. The fact is, as he goes on to show, that this is not only a wrong precept, but an actual impossibility. A thing cannot be dead and alive at the same time and from the same point of view. The very conception of the δικαιοσύνη, the χάρις of which he has spoken, is a death to sin—a death ideally complete, but actually more or less imperfect.

οἵτινες ἀπεθάνομεν] ‘as men who died’; either potentially in Christ’s death (see vv. 15, 19), or personally when we were baptized. Probably the latter thought is uppermost; compare ver. 3 ὅσοι ἐβαπτίσθημεν.

τῇ ἀμαρτίᾳ] ‘to sin’; the dative of reference, see vi. 10, 11, vii. 4, Gal. ii. 20, 1 Pet. ii. 24.

πῶς] interrogatively with the future introduces an impossibility, as in iii. 6, viii. 32, 1 Cor. xiv. 7, 9, 16 etc. ‘The idea is not merely absurd, inconsistent; it is absolutely impossible.’

3. η ἀγνοεῖτε] ‘Such a supposition betrays the grossest ignorance.’ Compare vii. 1, η οὐκ ἐπιγνώσκετε (2 Cor. xiii. 5), and the common Pauline phrase η οὐκ οἶδατε (xi. 2, 1 Cor. vi. 2, 9, 16, 19).

εἰς Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν] The preposition conveys the notion of incorporation into, both here and in the words below εἰς τὸν θάνατον αὐτοῦ; comp. Gal. iii. 27 ὅσοι εἰς Χριστὸν ἐβαπτίσθητε, Χριστὸν ἐνεδύσασθε, 1 Cor. xii. 13 εἰς ἐν σῶμα, an idea expanded more fully in the expression εἰς τὸ

δύνομα (Matt. xxviii. 19, Acts xix. 5, comp. 1 Cor. i. 13, 15). Similarly in 1 Cor. x. 2 εἰς τὸν Μωυσῆν ἐβαπτίσαντο the reference is to incorporation into the Mosaic covenant. On the other hand in Mark i. 4 εἰς ἀφεσιν ἄμαρτιῶν the meaning of the preposition is different, and signifies the purpose and result of the baptism.

4. **συνετάφημεν**] As Prof. Jowett rightly observes, the Apostle introduces the phrase ‘were buried’ instead of ‘died’ in order to recall the image of baptism, a parallelism which disappears in our present practice of baptism by aspersion. See the idea again more clearly brought out in Col. ii. 12, Eph. v. 14, 1 Cor. x. 2. Perhaps Gal. iii. 27 Χριστὸν ἐνεδύσασθε may be an image taken from another part of the baptismal ceremony, but this is not so certain. In the same way, a lesson drawn elsewhere by the Apostle from the celebration of the Eucharist (1 Cor. x. 16, 17) is impaired by our common practice, which has destroyed the vividness of the image.

εἰς τὸν θάνατον] It is better to connect these words with **συνετάφημεν** than with διὰ τοῦ βαπτίσματος, as Jowett does.

ἐν καινότητι [ζώης] ‘in a new state, which is life’: for before they had been dead (*νεκροί*). To render, as the A. V., ‘in newness of life’ would suggest that the old had been in some sense life also. Ignatius *Eph.* 19 Θεοῦ ἀνθρωπίνων φανερούμένου εἰς καινότητα διδίον ζωῆς is an evident allusion to this passage. Ζωῆς is the genitive of apposition; comp. i. 23 ἐν ὁμοιώματι εἰκόνος, iv. 11 σημείον περιτομῆς, vii. 6 ἐν καινότητι πνεύματος and Winer § lxx. p. 666. The idea uppermost in καινότης is ‘strangeness,’ and therefore a change (comp. 2 Cor. v. 17). See the note on Col. iii. 10, where *κανὼς* is distinguished from *νέος*.

5. **τῷ ὅμοιώματι**] is to be taken closely with **σύμφυτοι** ‘connate with the likeness’; for the connexion is at once suggested by the **συν-**, and is required by the ellipse. The rendering of the A. V. ‘planted together in the likeness’ is obscure and looks like a compromise. The meaning is, ‘If the likeness of His death has been coincident with our birth, has been a part of us from our birth’—the birth here spoken of being of course the ἀναγέννησις, the new birth in Christ by baptism. **Τῷ ὅμοιώματι τοῦ θανάτου αὐτοῦ** is substituted for **τῷ θανάτῳ αὐτοῦ**, because it was not Christ’s actual, physical death which was spoken of; but only His death mystically considered, the likeness of His death.

ἀλλὰ καὶ] For **ἀλλὰ** in the apodosis after *ei* compare Mark xiv. 29, 2 Cor. iv. 16, xi. 6, xiii. 4, Col. ii. 5; in these passages however the apodosis is in opposition to the protasis, ‘though’; ‘yet.’ Here the force is *a fortiori*, ‘if...then certainly’: and **ἀλλὰ** is used to show that there is a distinction in favour of the proposition stated in the apodosis. For **ἀλλὰ καὶ** comp. Luke xvi. 21, xxiv. 22 ‘nay more.’

6. **τὸ σῶμα τῆς ἄμαρτιᾶς**] Prof. Jowett rightly interprets this as ‘a continuation of the figure of the old man who is identified with sin and has a body attributed to him.’ Dr Vaughan’s explanation is hardly

satisfactory, but he justly draws attention to the exact parallel, *τὸ σῶμα τῆς σαρκὸς* in Col. ii. 11, 12.

7. ὁ ἀποθανὼν] i.e. the dead in this mystical sense. Death is a release; it liberates from all claims: comp. vii. 1 ἐφ' ὅσον χρόνον ζῆ and Eccl. xviii. 22 μὴ μείνης ἔως θανάτου δικαιωθήσῃς, where however the meaning is different.

δεικαλωται] All claims against him are *ipso facto* cancelled: such is the force of the perfect. Comp. Acts xiii. 39 (where St Paul is the speaker), Eccl. xxvi. 29 οὐ δικαιωθήσεται κάπηλος ἀπὸ ἀμαρτίας, quoted by Vaughan. This passage throws much light on St Paul's idea of δικαιώσις and δικαιοσύνη, and would repay a deeper study.

10. ὁ γὰρ ἀπέθανεν] 'for the death which He died'; comp. Gal. ii. 20 ὁ δὲ νῦν ζῶ ἐν σαρκὶ.

τῇ ἀμαρτίᾳ] i.e. to the temptations and the sufferings inflicted on Him by sin. Christ died to a sinful world, died to a life in which He was every moment bearing the consequences of sin. The dative only so far differs in meaning from the dative τῇ ἀμαρτίᾳ of the next verse, in that He was sinless, we are sinful: but grammatically it is the same.

τῷ Θεῷ] 'unto God,' and therefore eternally: comp. 2 Cor. xiii. 4.

12. ἐν τῷ θνητῷ ὥμαν σάματι] Two interpretations are suggested of θνητῷ here. Some take it as though equivalent to *νεκρῷ*, τεθνηκότι, with reference to *νεκρὸς τῇ ἀμαρτίᾳ* above (ver. 11). But θνητός seems never to have this meaning, not even in Rom. viii. 11, 2 Cor. iv. 11; it always signifies 'subject to death,' never 'dead,' as such. We must therefore give θνητῷ its proper meaning of 'mortal,' and explain the force of the epithet thus: 'If ye are thus living an eternal life to God, why should ye show deference to your bodies which are but mortal, by humouring their passions? The mortal life is not worthy of consideration in comparison with the immortal.'

13. τὰ ὄπλα] 'arms' (comp. 2 Cor. vi. 7), rather than 'instruments' (A. V.); see the next note.

τῇ ἀμαρτίᾳ] 'for sin,' i.e. to wage warfare in its service. The rendering of the A. V. 'unto sin' is at least obscure. Sin is regarded as a sovereign (μὴ βασιλεύετω ver. 12), who demands the military service of subjects (*εἰς τὸ ὑπακούειν* ver. 12), levies their quota of arms (*ὄπλα ἀδικίας* ver. 13), and gives them their soldier's-pay of death (*όψώνια* ver. 23). For the metaphor comp. 2 Tim. ii. 4 τῷ στρατολογήσαντι.

ἐκ νεκρῶν [ζῶντας] 'alive, after being dead.' A common classical expression, e.g. Demosthenes *de Coron.* 131, p. 270 ἐλεύθερος ἐκ δούλου καὶ πλούσιος ἐκ πτωχοῦ γεγονώς. Dr Vaughan prefers to take the phrase in the usual sense 'from the dead'; but though frequently so found with ἀνάστασις, ἐγείρεω etc., it does not occur with ζῆν. It may be a question whether even Rom. xi. 15 εἰ μὴ ζῶν ἐκ νεκρῶν ought not to be taken as above. Compare Luke xv. 32 ὁ ἀδελφός σου οὗτος νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἔζησεν, which Vaughan quotes on that passage. Here the order ἐκ νεκρῶν ζῶντας,

where *ἐκ νεκρῶν* is emphatic and isolated, seems decisive in favour of the more idiomatic usage.

15. Again, as in vi. 1, the Apostle puts a question. The difference of form has been suggested by what has immediately preceded. The nature of the answer too is somewhat different. In ch. vi. 1 the objector asks, ‘Shall we sin more that grace may be more?’ St Paul replies, ‘The thing is impossible, a contradiction in terms. Sin and grace, life and death, cannot coexist.’ Thus the answer starts from the nature of the case. Here the objector asks, ‘Are we to sin, because we are not under law, not bound by any definite precepts, but under a higher principle, grace?’ The reply is, ‘No; because, if you sin, you will become slaves to sin; you will bring on yourselves the penalties of sin.’ The answer therefore arises from the effects, the consequences of this course of action.

16. οὐκ οἴδατε] ‘Is not this self-evident? You cannot but obey the master to whom you have surrendered yourselves: you become his slaves.’ The argument is the same as in Matt. vi. 24.

ἢτοι...ἢ] The only instance of *ἢτοι* in the New Testament. I should not say with Vaughan that *ἢτοι* expresses the greater probability of the alternative to which it is prefixed; but rather that it throws greater emphasis upon it. Jelf (*Gr.* 777. 5) properly says that *τοι* thus added has the effect of increasing the disjunctive force: comp. Winer § liii. p. 549.

ὑπακοῆς] Here used in a different sense of the true obedience, submission to the will of God. So elsewhere absolutely, v. 19, xvi. 19, 1 Pet. i. 2, 14.

17. ὅτι ἡτε...ὑπηκόνσατε δὲ] ‘One sentence resolved grammatically into two,’ is Winer’s observation (§ lxvi. p. 785), who instances Matt. xi. 25, Luke xxiv. 18, John iii. 19, vii. 4.

εἰς δὲ κ.τ.λ.] This should be resolved into *τύπῳ διδαχῆς εἰς ὃν παρεδόθητε* rather than into *εἰς τύπον διδαχῆς ὃν παρεδόθητε*, which is open to two objections, (1) the harshness of the expression *ὅν παρεδόθητε*, (2) the improbable construction *ὑπακούειν εἰς*. For the attraction compare Acts xxi. 16, where *ἄγοντες παρ’ φῶ ξενισθῶμεν Μνάσωνι τινὶ* stands for *ἄγοντες Μνάσωνι τινὰ παρ’ φῶ ξενισθῶμεν*.

19. *ἀνθρώπινον λέγω]* The Apostle apologizes for the use of the word *δουλεία* in connexion with *δικαιοσύνη*. For the phrase see on Gal. iii. 15 κατὰ ἄνθρωπον λέγω. God’s service is not *δουλεία* but *ἔλευθερία* (1 Cor. ix. 19, 2 Cor. iii. 17, Gal. v. 13, passages which show that the thought was very prominent in St Paul’s mind at this time).

21. οὖν...τότε] The single ‘then’ of the A. V. does double duty here, as in John xi. 14; and is employed to represent ‘then’ temporal as well as ‘then’ argumentative.

τίνα οὖν καρπὸν...τὸ γάρ τέλος] St Paul never uses *καρπὸς* of the results of evil-doing, but always substitutes *ἔργα*: see Gal. v. 19, 22, Eph. v. 9, 11.

Here the γὰρ which follows shows that the expression is equivalent to 'Ye had no fruit.'

23. ὄψινα] The word ὄψον 'condiment' is defined by a Scholiast on Homer *Iliad* xi. 630 as 'whatever is eaten with bread.' Thus Plutarch says (*Moral.* 99 D) that boys are taught τὴ δεξιὰ λαμβάνειν τοῦ ὄψον, τὴ δὲ ἀριστερὰ κρατεῖν τὸν ἄρτον. So Plato carefully distinguishes the two. After mentioning the ἀλφίτα and ἀλεύρα, which are to be the staple of the diet in his ideal republic, he continues (*Respubl.* ii. p. 372 C) ἐπελαθόμην ὅτι καὶ ὄψον ἔχουσι· ἀλας τε δῆλον ὅτι καὶ ἐλάσσα καὶ τυρὸν καὶ βολβοὺς καὶ λάχανα, specifying various kinds of ὄψον. The word however was used especially of 'fish,' as Symmachus states in Plutarch *Sympos.* iv. 4, p. 667 Ε πολλῶν ὄντων ὄψων ἐκνενίκηκεν ὁ ἰχθὺς μόνον ἡ μάλιστά γε ὄψον καλεῖσθαι διὰ τὸ πολὺ πάντων ἀρετῇ κρατεῖν. Hence the names φίλοψοι and ὄψιοφάγοι (*Aelian V. H.* i. 28) were given to those who preferred this kind of dainty, and fish were called θαλάττης ὄψα, τὰ ἐκ θαλάττης ὄψα (Plutarch *l. c.*), θαλάττια ὄψα (Hippocrates, p. 606. 10), πόντια ὄψα (Euripides *fragm.* apud Athenaeus xiv. p. 640 B) and simply ὄψον (Pollux vii. 7, where the word is interchanged with ἰχθύδιον). Diodorus (xi. 57) explains the fact of the assignment of the city Myus to Themistocles (Thuc. i. 138) as ὄψον, from the reason of its situation (ἔχονταν θάλατταν εὐχίθυν). So ὄψάριον is used for 'a fish' (John vi. 9; comp. Luke ix. 13, John xxi. 9, 10, 13), and the Latin 'obsonium' also (Juvenal *Sat.* iv. 64). From ὄψον is derived ὄψώνιον 'soldier's-pay,' which is the general, perhaps the universal, use of the word (see however ps.-Aristeas, p. iii. ed. Hody), and is the Greek equivalent of the Latin 'stipendia'; for the word 'obsonia' in Latin (see above) seems never to have acquired this meaning. The derivation of the word explains its use. The soldier's reward for his service was twofold; (1) a ration in kind, which was an allowance of corn (*σιτομέτρημα*) for making bread, and (2) a small payment in money (*όψώνιον*), by which he might purchase a relish (*ὄψον*) to be eaten with his bread. Compare Dionys. *A. R.* ix. 36. 5 τὸ τ' ὄψώνιον τῇ στρατιᾷ καὶ τὸ ἀντὶ τοῦ σίτου συγχωρηθὲν ὑπὸ τοῦ Μαλλίου κατενέγκαντες ἀργύριον (where the rations could not be supplied in kind). A Smyrnean inscription (Boeckh *C. I. G.* 3137) runs as follows, προνοήσαι τὸν δῆμον ὅπως αὐτῷ διδώται ἐκ βασιλικοῦ τά τε μετρήματα καὶ τὰ ὄψώνια, which is explained by a passage in Polybius (vi. 39. 12) ὄψώνιον δὲ οἱ μὲν πεζοὶ λαμβάνουσι τῆς ἡμέρας δύο ὀβολοὺς...σιτομετροῦνται δὲ οἱ μὲν πεζοὶ πυρῶν Ἀττικοῦ μεδίμνου δύο μέρη μάλιστά πως. The word occurs in the LXX. (1 Macc. iii. 28, xiv. 32, 1 Esdras iv. 4, 56) always in its technical sense, and in Luke iii. 14, 1 Cor. ix. 7, 2 Cor. xi. 8. From it is derived the Latin 'obsonium'; from ὄψωνεῖν, 'obsono,' 'obsonor,' 'obsonator.' The word occurs in Ignatius' letter to Polycarp in a passage replete with military metaphors (§ 6) ἀρέσκετε φέστρατεύεσθε, ἀφ' οὐ καὶ τὰ ὄψώνια κομίστεθε. μήτις ὑμῶν δεσέρτωρ εὑρεθῇ· τὸ βάπτισμα ὑμῶν μενέτω ὡς ὅπλα, ἡ πίστις ὡς περικεφαλαία, ἡ ἀγάπη ὡς δόρυ, ἡ ὑπομονὴ ὡς πανοπλία· τὰ δεπόστα ὑμῶν τὰ ἔργα ὑμῶν ἵνα τὰ ἄκκεπτα ὑμῶν ἄξια κομίσοσθε.

CHAPTER VII.

xi. *Our freedom from law illustrated by the analogy of a contract* (vii. 1—6).

1. η ἀγνοεῖτε] Connected with οὐ γάρ ἔστε ὑπὸ νόμου (vi. 14). St Paul's thoughts are recalled to this statement, which requires justification, by the expression τὸ χάρισμα just before.

γνώσκοντιν γὰρ νόμον] He is addressing Romans, to whom at all events the conception of law ought not to be unknown.

ὁ νόμος] Here not the Mosaic Law but rather the law generally, St Paul having especially in his mind the law which would be known to his hearers, i.e. the Roman law.

τοῦ ἀνθρώπου] 'the person.' The phrase has nothing to do with ὁ ἄνηρ 'the husband' in the next verse. 'Ο ἀνθρωπος includes both sexes; and indeed the statement is not confined to the law of marriage. It is a general principle of the law that death cancels engagements.

2. The passage should be compared with 1 Cor. vii. 39, where νόμῳ has been inserted after δέδεται from the verse before us. 'The woman who is subject to a husband' (*ὑπανθρός* occurs in Polybius and later writers, as well as in the LXX.) 'is bound by law to her living husband' (the rendering of the A. V. 'to her husband as long as he liveth' is misleading); 'but if her husband be dead, she has been *ipso facto* set free from the law of her husband, that is, from the law which gave her husband authority over her and claims upon her.' Κατήρυγγαι ἀπὸ is equivalent to κατήρυγγαι καὶ ἐκχώρισται ἀπό: comp. Gal. v. 4 κατηργήθητε ἀπὸ Χριστοῦ and ver. 6 below; and for similar phrases, 2 Cor. xi. 3 φθαρῇ ἀπὸ τῆς ἀπλότητος, Col. ii. 20 ἀπεθάνετε ἀπὸ τῶν στοιχείων.

3. χρηματίσει] From the primary meaning of *χρηματίζειν* 'to do business, negotiate' spring two secondary uses of the verb, (1) 'to act the part of,' 'to be called' (e.g. Acts xi. 26, Joseph. *B. J.* ii. 18. 7 'Αντίοχον τὸν Ἐπιφανῆ χρηματίζοντα); (2) 'to give an answer,' 'to deliver an oracle,' and so in the passive 'to be advised' (Matt. ii. 12, 22).

ἔὰν γένηται ἄνθροι ἄτεροι] 'if she attach herself to another husband.' The rendering of the A. V. 'man,' both here and later on in this verse, is unfortunate, because ἀνθρωπος is rendered 'man,' ἄνηρ 'husband,' in the

context. For this sense of γένηται, γενομένην compare Hosea iii. 4 οὐδὲ μὴ γένη ἀνθρόποι ἔτεροι.

4. ὥστε] 'therefore,' to apply this rule in your case.

καὶ ὑμεῖς] The instance produced in ver. 3 is an instance of a release from the authority of the marriage bond by death. So is this. Thus it is a case in point. Beyond this however the similitude cannot be pressed. There the wife was released by the husband's death. Here the wife (i.e. the body of believers) is released by her own death, released from the law, which was her spouse. In the natural marriage relations no strict analogy presented itself to this which was possible in the mystical marriage relations, i.e. that the wife should die, and yet live to marry another.

ὑμεῖς ἐθανατώθητε τῷ νόμῳ] In order that the previous instance might be an exact parallel, we should have ὁ νόμος ἐθανατώθη ὑμῖν (comp. Col. ii. 14, Eph. ii. 15, in which passages the death of the law is more or less connected with the death of the believer to the law, in the Cross of Christ). This however does not accord with St Paul's way of speaking here; for it does not include his idea of the believer dying in Christ, on which he lays so much stress here (vi. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11) and elsewhere. He therefore prefers sacrificing the perfect exactness of the parallel (it was sufficiently exact, as an illustration of the statement ὁ νόμος κυριεύει... ζῆ) for the sake of retaining the image, which had so deep a moral and theological significance to him, and which occupies so prominent a place in the context. Other examples of images doubly applied by St Paul are given in the notes on 1 Thess. ii. 7, v. 4. The phrase καὶ ὑμεῖς implies a large number of Jews or proselytes among the Roman converts.

διὰ τοῦ σώματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ] Compare Col. i. 22, Eph. ii. 16. The idea is: 'Christ's death in His natural body on the Cross'; as in Col. l.c. ἐν τῷ σώματι τῆς σαρκὸς αὐτοῦ διὰ τοῦ θανάτου. The *σῶμα* here is not the Church of Christ, as the body; this must not be regarded even as an accessory idea (Jowett): for the reference is obviously to a definite act and a definite time, when they passed from the old state to the new, before the body of Christ in this sense could be said to exist.

γενέσθαι ἔτεροι] 'be wedded to another.' The first indications of this image of the Church as the Spouse of Christ occur in 1 Cor. vi. 13sq., Gal. iv. 26, but both cases represent ideas leading up to this image, rather than the image itself. For the image in all its fulness, see Eph. v. 22—33.

καρποφορήσωμεν] This seems hardly to be a continuation of the same metaphor, 'bear offspring.' Otherwise some more definite word would have been preferred. It is rather in a general sense: see the next verse.

5. ἡμεῖς ἐν τῇ σαρκὶ] i.e. under the law. For the law and the Gospel are distinguished as flesh and spirit: the one being a system of external precepts, the other a principle of inward growth. Compare Gal. iii. 3, v. 18, 19 etc., Col. ii. 18, Phil. iii. 3, 4, Heb. vii. 16 νόμον ἐντολῆς σαρκίνης.

τὰ παθήματα κ.τ.λ.] Observe that it is not *αἱ ἀμαρτίαι αἱ διὰ τοῦ νόμου*.

See the note on v. 20. Jowett gets into much confusion here and elsewhere, because he does not distinguish 'sin' and 'transgression.'

6. *νυν δέ*] 'as things are,' under this new dispensation.

κατηργήθημεν] See above, ver. 2.

ἀποθανόντες ἐν φ.] The reading of the Textus Receptus *ἀποθανόντος* has only the very slenderest support; otherwise the inversion of the metaphor would be quite after St Paul's manner: see on i Thess. ii. 7. The sentence means that we were liberated by our death (*ἀποθανόντες*) from the law in which we were held fast. This is the only satisfactory way of taking the passage, which should be punctuated after, not before, *ἀποθανόντες*, and it makes excellent sense. To explain it, as some do, by supplying *τῷ νόμῳ* after *ἀποθανόντες* is very harsh grammatically, because *ἀποθανόντες* does not suggest the missing dative, as e.g. in Acts xxi. 16 *ἄγοντες* suggests the missing accusative.

ἐν καινότητι πνεύματος] For the phrase see on vi. 4 above, and for the distinction between *πνεῦμα* and *γράμμα* comp. ii. 29.

xii. *The objection 'the law is sin' met (vii. 7—24).*

7. **δλλά**] The conjunction here does not qualify ('nevertheless,' 'but still it is true'); it opposes the previous proposition. 'So far from this, it revealed to me the true character, the heinousness, of sin,' as in ver. 13 *ἴνα γένηται κ.τ.λ.*

οὐκ ἔγνων] 'I did not recognize'; not as the A. V. 'I had not known,' for (1) this would anticipate the *οὐκ ἤδειν* which follows, and (2) an imperfect rather than an aorist would be expected, as e.g. ix. 3 *ἡγχόμην*. Comp. Winer § xli. p. 352. *"Ηίδειν* just below is a quasi-imperfect and satisfies this condition.

τὴν τε γάρ ἐπιθυμίαν] The reference is to the tenth commandment (Ex. xx. 17), a single precept being taken as a sufficient example: hence the *τε*. See above, iii. 2 *πρῶτον μὲν ὅτι κ.τ.λ.*, where again a single example is specified, the rest being tacitly suggested. St Paul however has instinctively chosen the commandment which is the best typical instance for his purpose. The use of *τε* here is quite conclusive against the view that *οὐκ ἐπιθυμήσεις* is intended as a general and comprehensive, and not as a special, precept.

οὐκ ἤδειν] i.e. 'I had not known what lust meant, its sinful nature: with the law it became at once a desire after the forbidden.' *Οὐκ ἔγνων* 'I did not recognize it,' though it was preexistent: *οὐκ ἤδειν* 'I had no acquaintance with it'; it might, or it might not, preexist (here the supposition is that it does not preexist).

8. **νεκρά**] i.e. *οὐ καρποφορεῖ*. As the apparently lifeless stock of a tree, it gives no signs of activity. This of course is relative to the conscience of the man. Definite prohibition is necessary in order to

produce definite transgression, in whatever form this definite prohibition may be given.

9. ἐγώ] The pronoun represents either humanity at large (Gal. iv. 1 sq.), here personified (comp. 1 Cor. iv. 6); or the individual, so far as from the incapacity of infancy or from external circumstances he could be said to have passed through this earlier stage, when he did not know the law. To St Paul himself the circumstances would apply less than to any man living.

Ἄνθετος] The life here spoken of is not spiritual life, for the awakening of the conscience, the conviction of sin, is a condition of this; but the freedom, the carelessness, which does not paralyse the will, nor trouble the soul. It is the Greek temper, or the temper of a child.

11. Ἐπιτάπειρος με] A reference to the temptation of Adam and Eve, when the first divine precept appears. The nature of the deception practised may be ascertained from the narrative in Genesis: where it was at once negative 'Ye shall not surely die,' and positive 'Your eyes shall be opened and ye shall be as gods.' So throughout the ages sin makes a double promise to her victims; first, that no evil consequences will ensue; secondly, that their view of life will be enlarged and that on this increased knowledge will follow increased happiness. The same word ἔξαπατᾶν is used by St Paul in two other passages where he speaks of the temptation of our first parents (2 Cor. xi. 3, 1 Tim. ii. 14).

12. ὁ μὲν νόμος] should have been followed by η δὲ ἀμαρτία; but the digression which ensues upon the introduction of the word ἀγαθὴ wrecks the sentence. For the interrupted μὲν compare Acts i. 1, xxvi. 4, 2 Cor. xii. 12, and Winer § lxiii. p. 720.

ἅγια καὶ δικαῖα καὶ ἀγαθή] 'Aγία 'holy,' that is to say, having God's sanction, coming from God; δικαῖα 'righteous,' that it is in itself; ἀγαθή 'beneficent,' this it is intended to be in its effects. On the last two words see the note on v. 7, and comp. 1 Thess. iii. 6 (with the note).

14. σάρκινος] On this word and its distinction from σαρκικὸς see the note on 1 Cor. iii. 1. Here σαρκικὸς might stand, but σάρκινος is stronger and more emphatic.

πεπραμένος] 'sold,' and therefore its bond-slave (comp. vi. 16). 'Sin is my task-master, compelling me to do what I would not do of myself.'

15. οὐ γνώσκω] i.e. 'I do it in blind obedience. Sin is so imperious a task-master that he does not allow me time to think what I am doing.' This inference is explained in the next verse, 'This must be so; otherwise I should not be doing what I hate, and omitting to do what I desire.'

16. εἰ δὲ κ.τ.λ.] i.e. 'if at the very time that I do it, my better nature protests against it.'

καλὸς] Not ἀγαθὸς (ver. 12), for this would not be in place here.

17. νῦν δὲ] 'this being so.' 'As we have arrived at this result that by my protest against my own actions I bear testimony to the goodness of the law, then it follows from this' etc. Both νῦν δὲ and οὐκέτι are

logical rather than temporal: for *νῦν* in this sense comp. 1 Cor. v. 11, vii. 14, xii. 18, 20; for *οὐκέτι* Rom. xi. 6, Gal. iii. 18.

ἢ ἐνοικοῦστα ἐν ἑμοί] Xenophon *Cyr.* vi. 1. 41 δύο γάρ, ἔφη, ὁ Κύρε, σαφῶς ἔχω ψυχάς...οὐ γὰρ δὴ μία γε οὐστα ἄμα ἀγαθή τέ ἐστι καὶ κακή, οὐδὲ ἄμα καλῶν τε καὶ αἰσχρῶν ἔργων ἐρῆ καὶ ταύτα ἄμα βούλεται τε καὶ οὐ βούλεται, Plato *Phædrus* 14, p. 237 Οἱ ημῶν ἐν ἑκάστῳ δύο τινές ἐστον ιδέα ἄρχοντε καὶ ἄγοντε...ἢ μὲν ἔμφυτος οὐστα ἐπιθυμία ἡδονῶν, ἀλλῃ δὲ ἐπίκτητος δόξα, ἐφιεμένη τοῦ ἀρίστου κ.τ.λ., *Respubl.* iv. 12, p. 436, iv. 14, p. 439.

18. οἴδα γάρ] ‘Sin, I say, is the indweller: for I am conscious by experience that it is not good which thus dwells in me.’

ἐν ἑμοί] ‘in me’; ‘When I say *me*, I mean my flesh. For my better self is at war with this indweller.’

τὸ γάρ θελειν] The *γάρ* explains *οἴδα* above. Τὸ καλὸν is to be supplied after *θελειν*, a fact not clearly brought out in the A. V.

παράκειται] ‘is present, is available’: ‘I can summon the will to my aid when I want, but not the performance.’

οὕ] sc. παράκειται; the received text substitutes *οὐχ εὑρίσκω*, doubtless a grammatical gloss, and lacking in force.

21. τὸν νόμον] here has nothing to do with the Mosaic Law (as Fritzsche II. p. 57 and others take it). It is ‘the law of my being.’ ‘Experience teaches me that this is habitually the case; that the phenomena recur.’

ἑμοί, ἑμοί] i.e. ‘my better self, my true personality,’ repeated for the sake of emphasis.

22. συνήδομαι γάρ] ‘for while I rejoice with’ etc.; in classical Greek the sentence would be introduced with *μέν*. For *συνήδομαι τῷ νόμῳ* we may compare such expressions as 1 Cor. xiii. 6 συγχαίρει τῇ ἀληθείᾳ, Phil. i. 27 συναθλοῦντες τῇ πίστει τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, 2 Tim. i. 8 συγκακοπάθησον τῷ εὐαγγελίῳ, 3 Joh. 8 συνεργοὶ τῇ ἀληθείᾳ, where, as here, the preposition governs the case.

νόμῳ] The different senses in which *νόμος* is used in this passage must be carefully distinguished. First, there is the comprehensive law of my being, which includes the two antagonistic principles (ver. 21 εὑρίσκω τὸν νόμον). Then these two principles are considered and described from an objective and a subjective standpoint. The good principle is called objectively ‘the law of God’ (ver. 22 τῷ νόμῳ τοῦ Θεοῦ), subjectively ‘the law of my mind, of my rational nature’ (ver. 23 τῷ νόμῳ τοῦ νοός μου); the wrong principle is termed objectively ‘the law of sin’ (ver. 23 τῷ νόμῳ τῆς ἀμαρτίας), subjectively ‘the law in my limbs’ (ver. 23 τῷ ὅντι ἐν τοῖς μέλεσιν μου). ‘It is the law of my being that these two opposing laws should be in constant conflict in me.’ ‘Ο νόμος τοῦ Θεοῦ is used here with a special reference to the Mosaic Law (as in vv. 12, 14, 16), but it is more comprehensive than, and not confined to, this idea.

κατὰ τὸν ἔσω ἄνθρωπον] i.e. ‘the hidden man, my very self, my true personality’; comp. 2 Cor. iv. 16, Eph. iii. 16. It denotes that part of

me which holds communication with the divine, which is immortal and free from the accidents of external circumstances.

23. ἐν τῷ νόμῳ τῆς ἀμαρτίας] This law is the same with ἔτερον νόμον ἐν τοῖς μέλεσιν μου, so that ἐν ἑαυτῷ might have stood. But the metaphor is diversely applied. The νόμος is first the victor who takes the captives (*αιχμαλωτίζοντα*), and secondly, the chain which binds them (this is the force of ἐν, comp. Eph. vi. 20, Philem. 10). For such variations of metaphor in St Paul see on 1 Thess. ii. 7; and for a similar repetition of the substantive comp. Acts iii. 16 καὶ τῇ πίστει τοῦ ὄντος αὐτοῦ... ἐστηρέστεν τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ.

24. ἐκ τοῦ σώματος τοῦ θανάτου τούτου] The sense would be simple if τούτου could be taken with σώματος, but the order of words is against this connexion. Combining therefore τούτου with θανάτου, we must explain σῶμα by the preceding phrases ἐν τῇ σαρκὶ (ver. 18), ἐν τοῖς μέλεσιν μου (ver. 23), of the actual body, regarded as the seat of evil passions, and thus as an antagonistic power to the law of God. Τοῦ θανάτου τούτου may mean either 'of this death' which St Paul has described (e.g. ver. 13), or 'of this death everywhere present'; the former interpretation being on the whole the more probable. The whole phrase then will signify, 'the body in which this death finds a lodgment.' Though σῶμα is to be taken literally, θάνατος on the other hand is figurative, implying not physical, but moral death.

25. χάρις δὲ τῷ Θεῷ κ.τ.λ.] This thanksgiving comes out of place. But St Paul cannot endure to leave the difficulty unsolved; he cannot consent to abandon his imaginary self to the depths of this despair. Thus he gives the solution parenthetically, though at the cost of interrupting his argument.

ἄρα οὖν] 'to sum up then.'

αὐτὸς ἐγώ] 'I of myself,' i.e. 'I by myself, I left alone, I without Christ.' The converse appears in Gal. ii. 20 ζῶ δὲ οὐκέτι ἐγώ ζῇ δὲ ἐν ἐμοὶ Χριστός. Otherwise we must suppose that αὐτὸς ἐγώ refers only to the first clause, that in fact we have a confusion of two forms, αὐτὸς ἐγώ δουλεύω νόμῳ Θεοῦ ή δὲ σάρξ κ.τ.λ., and (omitting αὐτὸς ἐγώ) τῷ μὲν νοὶ δουλεύω νόμῳ Θεοῦ τῇ δὲ σαρκὶ κ.τ.λ.—in other words that τῷ μὲν νοὶ is an epexegesis of αὐτὸς ἐγώ and that the insertion of the μὲν has changed the form of the sentence. It is however better to take αὐτὸς here in the sense of 'alone'; and though this interpretation is hardly borne out by the usage of αὐτὸς ἐγώ in St Paul (e.g. ix. 3, xv. 14, 2 Cor. x. 1, xii. 13), we must remember that elsewhere the Apostle is speaking of himself personally, not as the typical man, and therefore the interpretation would not be applicable.

THE EPISTLES OF ST PAUL.

III.

THE FIRST ROMAN CAPTIVITY.

4.

EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS.

CHAPTER I.

1. **[Παῦλος]** The Apostle abstains from associating any other name with his own, because he is writing a circular letter, from which all personal matters are excluded. No argument therefore can be drawn against the synchronism of the three Epistles from the fact that Timothy is mentioned in the opening of the Epistles to the Colossians and to Philemon, but not here. The only other letter addressed to any church in which St Paul's name stands thus alone is the Epistle to the Romans. For the general parallel between the Epistles to the Romans and Ephesians with respect to motive and destination, see *Biblical Essays*, pp. 388, 395 sq. For the chronological order of the Epistles of the Captivity see *Philippians*, p. 30 sq. and on the circular character of the Ephesian letter, *Biblical Essays*, p. 377 sq.

[Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ] In all those Epistles which St Paul commences in this way (Rom., 1 Cor., 2 Cor., Phil., Col., 1 Tim., 2 Tim., Tit.), the authorities vary between Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ and Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. On the whole it seems probable that the Apostle was uniform in his mode of designation, 'an Apostle' or 'a servant of Christ Jesus.' The variations would then be due to the fact that the other order is much more usual elsewhere, though not in this particular connexion. The amount of authority on either side differs very considerably in the different passages.

διὰ Θελήματος κ.τ.λ.] i.e. 'by God's grace, not by individual merit.' The other antithesis which the expression might suggest, 'by God's appointment, not by self-assumed title,' or 'by human authority,' is inappropriate here, as there is no polemical bearing in the context. See the note on Col. i. 1.

[τοῖς ἀγίοις] 'to the saints,' i.e. to the consecrated people of God, the holy race under the new dispensation: see the note on Phil. i. 1. On this form of address, as a chronological mark in St Paul's Epistles, see the note on Col. i. 2.

[ἐν Ἐφέσω] That copy of the circular letter which was addressed to the Ephesians is here given. See *Biblical Essays*, p. 377 sq.

[πιστοῖς] 'faithful,' i.e. trustworthy, stedfast. The word has here its

passive force. The active sense ‘believing’ would add nothing to the foregoing ἀγίοις. The words *πιστοῖς κ.τ.λ.* do not limit the persons addressed, but express the charitable assumption that all those into whose hands the letter will fall are true to their allegiance. See the notes on Col. i. 2.

ἐν Χριστῷ] For the expression ‘stedfast (*πιστὸς*) in Christ,’ ‘in the Lord,’ comp. 1 Cor. iv. 17, and see the note on Col. i. 2.

2. **χάρις ὑμῖν κ.τ.λ.]** See the note on 1 Thess. i. 1.

3. **εὐλογητὸς κ.τ.λ.]** The Apostle begins as usual with a thanksgiving, which however in this instance takes a more general form, corresponding to the character and destination of the letter, and expands gradually into its main theme. In expression too it differs from St Paul’s ordinary type. For the more usual εὐχαριστῶ, εὐχαριστοῦμεν, κ.τ.λ., he substitutes εὐλογητὸς... Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, which form he employs elsewhere only in 2 Corinthians (i. 3). It is copied by St Peter (1 Pet. i. 3), this being the first of several coincidences which St Peter’s First Epistle presents to this Epistle of St Paul.

The opening salutation in the letter of Ignatius to the Ephesians shows the influence of St Paul’s letter, in the following expressions : τῇ εὐλογημένῃ, πληρώματι, τῇ πρωτισμένῃ πρὸ αἰώνων, εἰς δόξαν, ἐκλεγμένῃ ἐν θελήματι τοῦ πατρός, ἐν ἀμώμῳ χαρᾷ, and lower down (§ 1) εὐλογητὸς ὁ χαρισάμενος ὑμῖν.

εὐλογητὸς κ.τ.λ.] ‘Blessed is the God.’ Throughout the New Testament εὐλογητὸς is said only of God, while εὐλογημένος is used of men ; e.g. Luke i. 42 εὐλογημένη σὺ ἐν γυναιξὶν, but ver. 68 εὐλογητὸς Κύριος ὁ Θεός. Hence in Mark xiv. 61 ὁ εὐλογητὸς is used absolutely as a synonym for ‘God’ in accordance with Jewish usage, which adopted the formula ‘the Holy One, Blessed is He,’ to avoid pronouncing the Sacred Name (see Schöttgen on Rom. ix. 5). This limitation of εὐλογητὸς to God is commonly, though not universally, observed in the LXX. also, where for every ten examples in which it is applied to God, it is used once only of men. The exceptions are Gen. xii. 2 (v. l.), Deut. vii. 14, Ruth ii. 20, 1 Sam. xv. 13, xxv. 33. The same distinction appears also in the expressions of Ignatius quoted above, εὐλογημένη, εὐλογητός. In *Mart. Polyc.* 14 εὐλογητὸς is said of Our Lord. This distinction of usage arises from the distinction of meaning in the two words : for, while εὐλογημένος points to an isolated act or acts, εὐλογητὸς describes the intrinsic character. Comp. Philo *de Migr. Abr.* 19 (I. p. 453), who, commenting on Gen. xii. 2 (where he reads εὐλογητός, but where A has εὐλογημένος), writes εὐλογητός, οὐ μόνον εὐλογημένος· τὸ μὲν γὰρ ταῖς τῶν πολλών δόξαις τε καὶ φήμαις παραριθμεῖται, τὸ δὲ τῷ πρὸς ἀλήθειαν εὐλογητῷ· ὥσπερ γὰρ τὸ ἐπανετὸν εἶναι τοῦ ἐπανεῖσθαι διαφέρει κατὰ τὸ κρείττον, τὸ μὲν γὰρ τῷ πεφυκέναι τὸ δὲ τῷ νομίζεσθαι λέγεται μόνον, φύσις δὲ ἡ ἀψευδῆς δοκήσεως ὄχυρώτερον, οὕτως καὶ τὸ εὐλογεῖσθαι πρὸς ἀνθρώπων, ὅπερ ἦν, εἰς εὐλογίαν ἄγεσθαι διδασκόμενον τῷ πεφυκέναι εὐλογίας ἄξιον, καὶ ἀν πάντες ἡσυχάζωσι, κρείττον,

ὅπερ εὐλογητὸν ἐν τοῖς χρησμοῖς ἔδεται, where the text is apparently corrupt and at all events *τὸ εὐλογεῖσθαι* should be changed into *τοῦ εὐλογεῖσθαι*. Hence, where we have *εὐλογητός*, as here, the sentence should probably be taken as affirmative, not imperative : e.g. contrast Ps. cxviii (cxix). 12 *εὐλογητὸς εἰ*, Κύριε, with 2 Chron. ix. 8 *ἔστω Κύριος ὁ Θεός σου εὐλογημένος* and Job i. 21, Ps. cxiii (cxii). 2 *εἴη τὸ ὄνομα Κυρίου εὐλογημένον*. Winer (*Gramm.* § lxiv. p. 733) quotes such passages as these in favour of supplying *εἴη* or *ἔστω*, rather than *ἔστιν* here ; but for the reason stated they tell against him. It expresses a thanksgiving for an actual fact, not a prayer for a contingent result. In other words God is blessed, as being the absolute and proper object of blessing : Theod. Mops. *εὐλογητὸς ἀντὶ τοῦ ἐπανεῖσθαι καὶ θαυμάζεσθαι ἄξιος* (Cramer, *Cat.* p. 104).

ὁ Θεὸς κ.τ.λ.] ‘*the God and Father of our Lord*’ etc. : comp. Rom. xv. 6, 2 Cor. i. 3, xi. 31. From the time of the fathers it has been questioned whether *τοῦ Κυρίου* is dependent on *Θεὸς* as well as on *πατήρ*. The question is entertained by Chrysostom, Jerome, Theodore of Mopsuestia (Cram. *Cat.* p. 104), and others. It is most natural to regard the two substantives as linked together by the vinculum of the common article ; and in this passage we are confirmed in preferring this construction by the fact that the first predication is made separately lower down : ver. 17 *ὁ Θεὸς τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν κ.τ.λ.* The whole phrase will then correspond to another expression, which occurs several times in St Paul, *ὁ Θεὸς καὶ πατὴρ ἡμῶν*, Gal. i. 4, 1 Thess. i. 3, iii. 11, 13. We are thus reminded of our Lord’s words in John xx. 17 ‘*I ascend unto my Father and your Father, and to my God and your God.*’ On the sense in which the Father can be said to be the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, see below, on ver. 17.

ὁ εὐλογήσας κ.τ.λ.] ‘*who blessed us*,’ i.e. when He called us to Himself in Christ. The point of time contemplated in the tense here is not the conception of the purpose in the Eternal Mind, but the actual fulfilment of that purpose in the call of the believers. This is the force of the following *καθώς*, ‘*As He selected us in His eternal counsels, so*, when the time came, He called us to the blessings of the Gospel’ : comp. Rom. viii. 30 *οὐσὲ δὲ προώρισεν, τούτους καὶ ἐκάλεσεν*. The active *εὐλογήσας* corresponds to the passive *εὐλογητός*. It is a case of reciprocation. The dispenser of blessings has a right to receive blessings. So we have conversely, Is. lxv. 16 *εὐλογηθήσεται ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, εὐλογήσουσι γὰρ τὸν Θεὸν ἀληθινόν*. There is however this difference in the two cases, that whereas our blessings are confined to words, His extend to deeds. It is not that *εὐλογεῖν* itself has two distinct meanings ; but that with God every word is a *fiat*. Hence, when used of God, or of one who is armed with the authority of God, *εὐλογεῖν* is not merely ‘*to speak well of*’ but ‘*to do well to*.’

ἐν πάσῃ κ.τ.λ.] For the preposition see *Test. xii. Patr.*, Joseph. 18 *εὐλογήσει ἐν ἀγαθοῖς εἰς αἰώνας*. Compare such expressions as *μετρεῖν ἐν μέτρῳ, ἀλίζειν ἐν ἀλατι*, and see Winer, § xlviii. p. 485.

πνευματικῷ] The character of the blessing corresponds to the sphere of the recipient. He is a citizen of heaven, and therefore his privileges are spiritual. The carnal promises of the Old Covenant are exchanged for the spiritual of the New. There is no promise here of material blessings. The Christian has no right to expect such; for this is no part of God's covenant with him.

ἐν τοῖς ἐπουρανίοις] 'in the heavenly places.' The same expression, **τὰ ἐπουράνια**, occurs in four other places in this Epistle (i. 20, ii. 6, iii. 10, vi. 12) in this sense, but not elsewhere in the New Testament with quite the same meaning (e.g. John iii. 12, Heb. ix. 23). The words would naturally be connected with **εὐλογήσας**; and this obvious connexion is doubtless correct. The believer, in the language of this Epistle, has been already seated in heaven with Christ (ii. 6). He is an alien upon earth, but a citizen of God's kingdom (ii. 19). There is his **πολιτεύμα** (Phil. iii. 20). There consequently he enjoys his privileges and receives his blessings. The heaven, of which the Apostle here speaks, is not some *remote locality*, some *future abode*. It is the heaven which lies within and about the true Christian. See especially the notes on Col. i. 13, iii. 1 sq. The promise under the Old Covenant was prosperity, increase, blessing, **ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς** (e.g. Is. lxv. 16), but under the New it is **ἐν τοῖς ἐπουρανίοις**.

ἐν Χριστῷ] i.e. 'by virtue of our incorporation in, our union with, Christ.' As God seated us in heaven 'in Christ' (ii. 6), so also He bestowed His blessings upon us there in Him. In the threefold repetition of the same preposition here, we may say roughly that at the first occurrence it is instrumental (**ἐν πάσῃ εὐλογίᾳ**), at the second local (**ἐν τοῖς ἐπουρανίοις**), at the third mystical (**ἐν Χριστῷ**). We are united to God *in* Christ; so united we dwell *in* heavenly places; so dwelling we are blessed *in* all spiritual blessings.

4. **καθὼς]** 'according as.' The bestowal of blessings was the fulfilment, the realization, of the election in the eternal counsels of God. On this word see the note on Gal. iii. 6.

ἔξελέξατο] 'chose us out for Himself.' The word involves three ideas: (1) the telling over (**λέγειν**); (2) the rejection of some and the acceptance of others (**ἐκ**); (3) the taking to Himself (middle voice). The **ἐκλογή** here is not election to final salvation, but election to the sonship in Christ and the privileges of the Gospel; see the note on the use of the words in St Paul on Col. iii. 12.

ἐν αὐτῷ] i.e. **ἐν Χριστῷ**. In God's eternal purpose the believers are contemplated as existing in Christ, as the Head, the Summary, of the race. The **ἐκλογή** has no separate existence, independently of the **ἐκλεκτός** (Luke ix. 35, xxiii. 35). The election of Christ involves implicitly the election of the Church.

πρὸ καταβολῆς κ.τ.λ.] i.e. 'from all eternity.' Comp. John xvii. 24, 1 Pet. i. 20. So elsewhere, **ἀπὸ καταβολῆς κόσμου** (e.g. Heb. iv. 3, ix. 26). Neither phrase occurs in any other passage of St Paul.

ἀγίους κ.τ.λ.] The same two adjectives are combined, v. 27, Col. i. 22. They involve a sacrificial metaphor. The first word *ἀγίους* denotes the *consecration* of the victim; the second *ἀμάρμονος* its *fitness* for this consecration. The meaning of the latter in the Hellenistic dialect is slightly changed from its classical sense. It signifies rather 'without blemish' than 'without blame.' This more definite sense it owes to the fact that *μῶμος* is adopted in the LXX. as the rendering of the similarly sounding Hebrew word מָוֵם 'a blemish,' just as *σκηνή* becomes the recognized equivalent of Shechinah (שְׁכִינָה). Hence *ἀμώμος* is most commonly used in the LXX. (e.g. Exod. xxix. 1, Lev. i. 3, 10, iii. 1, 6, 9, etc.) to denote victims which are without fault or blemish, as required by the law. So too, Heb. ix. 14 ἔαντὸν προσήνεγκεν ἀμώμον τῷ Θεῷ, 1 Pet. i. 19 τιμίῳ αἵματι ὡς ἀμνοῦ ἀμώμον καὶ ἀσπίδον Χριστοῦ: comp. Philo de Profug. 3 (l. p. 548) τέλεια καὶ ἄμωμα ἱερεῖα αἱ ἀρταί, de Cherub. 25 (l. p. 154) ἀμώμον καὶ καλλιστον ἱερεῖον οἴστε τῷ Θεῷ, Quis rer. div. her. 23 (l. p. 489) ἀστινή τε καὶ ἄμωμα τέλειά τ' αὐτὸν καὶ ὀλόκληρα, etc.; Test. xii. Patr. Jos. 19 ἐξ αὐτῆς προῆλθεν ἀμνὸς ἄμωμος.

κατενάπτων αὐτοῦ] 'in the sight of Him,' i.e. 'of God'; see the note on Col. i. 22. God Himself is thus regarded as the great *μωμοσκόπος*, who inspects the victims and takes cognizance of the blemishes; comp. Philo de Agric. 29 (l. p. 320) τίνας δεῖ καὶ ὅσους ἐπ' αὐτὸν τοῦτο χειροτονεῖν τὸ ἔργον, οὓς ἔνιοι μωμοσκόποις ὀνομάζουσιν, ἵνα ἄμωμα καὶ ἀσινὴ προσάγηται τῷ βωμῷ τὰ ἱερεῖα, Polyc. Phil. 4 γινωσκούσας ὅτι εἰσὶν θυσιαστήριον Θεοῦ, καὶ ὅτι πάντα μωμοσκοπεῖται καὶ λεληθεν αὐτὸν οὐδὲν κ.τ.λ. See also the note on Clem. Rom. 41 μωμοσκοπηθέν.

ἐν ἀγάπῃ] to be taken with the preceding *ἀγίους* καὶ *ἀμώμονος*: comp. Clem. Rom. 50 ἵνα ἐν ἀγάπῃ εὑρεθῶμεν δίχα προσκλίσεως ἀνθρωπίνης ἄμωμοι. So too Jude 24 ἀμώμοντος ἐν ἀγαλλιάσει, 2 Pet. iii. 14 ἀμώμητοι...ἐν εἰρήνῃ. The words *ἐν ἀγάπῃ* stand after the clause to which they belong, as below, iv. 2, 15, 16, v. 2 (perhaps also iii. 18), Col. ii. 2, 1 Thess. v. 13 (comp. 1 Tim. iv. 12, 2 Tim. i. 13). The general usage of St Paul seems therefore to be almost decisive as regards the connexion. Holding this position, love is emphasized as the fulfilment of the law, the totality of Christian duty. Otherwise the words *ἐν ἀγάπῃ* have been connected either with (1) *ἐξελέξατο*, which is too far distant, or (2) with *προορίσας*, in which case the emphasis is hardly explicable. In the two latter connexions the *ἀγάπη* would be God's love as shown in His predestination or election. The different connexions are discussed by the early patristic commentators.

5. προορίσας] Giving the reason of *ἐξελέξατο*, 'seeing that He had foreordained us'; comp. Rom. viii. 29 οὐς προέγνω, καὶ προώρισεν συμμόρφους τῆς εἰκόνος τοῦ νιοῦ αὐτοῦ, 30 οὐς δὲ προώρισεν, τούτους καὶ ἐκάλεσεν. Here *προορίσας* is prior to *ἐξελέξατο*; but prior only in conception, for in the eternal counsels of God, to which both words alike refer, there is no before or after. The word *προορίζειν* 'to predetermine,' wherever it

occurs in the New Testament, refers to the eternal counsels of God; comp. ver. 11, Acts iv. 28, Rom. viii. 29, 30, 1 Cor. ii. 7; see also Ignat. *Ephes.* inscr. It is not found in the LXX., nor apparently in any writer before St Paul. In Demosth. p. 877 it is a false reading. The substantive προσωπισμός however appears in a work wrongly ascribed to Hippocrates, *Op.* i. p. 79 (ed. Kühn).

νιοθεσίαν 'adoption,' not 'sonship,' which would be *νιότητα*. Christ alone, the μονογενής, is Son by nature; we become sons by adoption and grace. Thus *νιοθεσία* never loses its proper meaning: see the note on Gal. iv. 5. The full adoption however can only be then (at the end of the ages) when the bondage of corruption, the bondage of the flesh, is ended and we are called to the liberty of sons. In this sense we look forward to it still, Rom. viii. 23 *νιοθεσίαν ἀπεκδεχόμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν τοῦ σώματος ἡμῶν.*

διὰ Ιησοῦν Χριστοῦ] We become sons through incorporation into the Sonship of Christ; see Gal. iii. 26, iv. 6, 7, and especially Heb. ii. 10 sq.

εἰς αὐτὸν] to be connected with *νιοθεσίαν*, 'adoption unto Him,' i.e. to God the Father, 'as His sons.' As διὰ describes the channel, so εἰς expresses the goal; comp. 1 Cor. viii. 6 *εἰς Θεὸς ὁ πατήρ...καὶ ἡμεῖς εἰς αὐτὸν· καὶ εἰς Κύριος Ἰησοῦν Χριστός...καὶ ἡμεῖς δι' αὐτοῦ.* So John xiv. 6 'No man cometh to the Father but through Me.' For the personal pronoun αὐτόν, used where we should expect the reflexive ἑαυτόν, when referring to the principal subject of the clause, see the note on Col. i. 20. The contracted form of the reflexive pronoun αὐτόν, which some editors would introduce here, has no place in the Greek Testament.

κατὰ τὴν εὐδοκίαν] 'in accordance with the purpose.' For the various meanings of *εὐδοκία* see the note on Phil. i. 15. Here it has the sense of 'purpose' rather than of 'benevolence,' so that the whole phrase corresponds to *κατὰ τὴν βούλην τοῦ θελήματος αὐτοῦ* ver. 11. The word *εὐδοκία*, of which the central idea is 'satisfaction,' will only then mean 'benevolence' when the context points to some person towards whom the satisfaction is felt (comp. Matt. iii. 17 ἐν φειδόκησα). Otherwise the satisfaction is felt in the action itself, so that the word is used absolutely, and signifies 'good-pleasure,' in the sense of 'desire,' 'purpose,' 'design.'

6. *εἰς]* The end of redemption, as of all creation and all history, is the praise and glory of God. This same phrase *εἰς ἔπαινον (τῆς) δόξης* is twice again repeated in the context, *vv. 12, 14*, as if the Apostle could not too strongly reiterate this truth. As 'thanksgiving' is the crowning duty and privilege of man (see the notes on Col. i. 12, ii. 7, iii. 15, etc.), so 'praise' is the ultimate right of God.

δόξης] i.e. 'the magnificent display,' 'the glorious manifestation.' For this sense of δόξα see the notes on Col. i. 11, 27.

τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ] 'His grace,' i.e. 'His free gift,' 'His unearned and unmerited bounty.' Herein lies the magnificence, the glory, of God's

work of redemption, that it has not the character of a contract, but of a largess. The word points to the central conception of St Paul's teaching on redemption; see the note on Col. i. 6. It occupies a very prominent place in this Epistle. The Apostle is not satisfied with once using the expression here, but he repeats it again in the next verse with greater emphasis, 'the *wealth* of His grace.' Even this strong phrase is inadequate to express his whole mind, and, when he recurs to the subject, he employs language stronger still, ii. 7 'the *surpassing wealth* of His grace.' Twice over in the same context he declares parenthetically to his readers that 'by grace they are saved,' ii. 5, 8; three times in the same context, when he is speaking of his own work and mission, he reminds himself that it was an act of God's 'grace bestowed upon him,' iii. 2, 7, 8.

ἥς ἔχαριτωσεν κ.τ.λ.] 'which He graciously bestowed upon us,' where *ἥς* stands by attraction for *ἥν*, the cognate accusative; comp. iv. 1 *τῆς κλήσεως* *ἥς ἐκλήθητε*, 2 Cor. i. 4 διὰ *τῆς παρακλήσεως* *ἥς παρακαλούμεθα αὐτοῖ*, where the constructions are precisely similar, and see Winer, § xxiv. p. 203. The various reading *ἐν* *ἥ* has inferior support, and is obviously a scribe's correction of *ἥς* for the sake of greater clearness.

The word *χαριτοῦν* signifies 'to bestow grace upon,' 'to endow with grace'; and, as the prominent idea in *χάρις* may be either (1) the objective bestowal, 'the free gift,' 'the gracious favour,' or (2) the subjective endowment and appropriation, 'gracefulness,' 'well-favouredness,' 'attractiveness,' so the verb may have two corresponding meanings. Chrysostom takes the latter sense, interpreting it *ἐπεράστους ἐποίησεν*, *ἐπιχάριτας ἐποίησεν*, and he is followed by others. But this meaning would draw us off from the leading idea of the passage, which is the unmerited bounty of God. It is better therefore to adopt the former sense, in which case *χαριτοῦν* *χάριν* will be a stronger expression for *χαρίζεσθαι* *χάριν* (which occurs e.g. Eurip. and Lycurg. *c. Leocr.* § 100, Isocr. *c. Demon.* § 31), the greater strength being due to the termination which, as in *χρυσοῦν*, etc., denotes 'to overlay, to cover, with favour.' The word is used elsewhere in both senses: (1) 'to bestow favour on,' 'to be gracious to,' as here; *Test. xii. Patr.*, Jos. 1 *ἐν φυλακῇ ήμην καὶ ὁ σωτὴρ ἔχαριτωσέ με*, and so probably Luke i. 28 *χαῖρε, κεχαριτωμένη*: (2) 'to endow with graces,' 'to render attractive,' Ps. xvii. 26 (Symm.) *μετὰ τοῦ κεχαριτωμένου χαριτωθῆσῃ*, Eccl. xviii. 17 (LXX.) *ἀνδρὶ κεχαριτωμένῳ*, Clem. Alex. *Pœd.* iii. 11 (p. 302) *ἀπόστρεψον τὸν ὀφθαλμὸν ἀπὸ γυναικὸς κεχαριτωμένης* (a loose quotation of Eccl. ix. 8, where the word is *εὐμόρφου* in the text). This second sense naturally prevails in the passive voice, where the bestower of the grace is lost sight of.

ἐν τῷ ἡγαπημένῳ] God, when He gave us His 'Beloved,' gave us all graces with Him; if He withheld not His Son, there is nothing which He will withhold; Rom. viii. 32 *πῶς οὐχὶ καὶ σὺν αὐτῷ τὰ πάντα ἡμῖν χαρίσεις;* The expression *ὁ ἡγαπημένος* is unique in the New Testament. See

however Ps. xxviii. 6 (LXX.), Is. v. 1. It occurs in the Apostolic Fathers more than once of our Lord : Ignatius *Smyrn.* inscr. Θεοῦ πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ ἡγαπημένου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, Clem. Rom. 59 τοῦ ἡγαπημένου παιδὸς αὐτοῦ, τοῦ ἡγαπημένου παιδός σου, and, as here, without a substantive, *Epist. Barnab.* 3 ὃν ἡτοίμασεν ἐν τῷ ἡγαπημένῳ αὐτοῦ, *ib.* 4 ἵνα ταχύη ὁ ἡγαπημένος αὐτοῦ. This title ‘Dilectus’ is the common designation of the Messiah in the *Ascensio Isaiae*, e.g. i. 4, 5, 7, 13, iii. 13, 17, 18, iv. 3, 6, etc.

7. [ἔχομεν] There is a various reading ἔσχομεν here, as in the parallel passage, Col. i. 14. It is more probable however that ἔσχομεν should stand in the text there, than here : see *Colossians*, p. 251.

[τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν] It is a ransom, a redemption, from the captivity to sin. See the note on Col. i. 14, where the metaphor is enforced by the context. So Origen here ; ‘Ἀπολύτρωσις ἡ λύτρωσις γίνεται τῶν αἰχμαλώτων καὶ γενομένων ὑπὸ τοῖς πολεμίοις’ γεγόναμεν δὲ ὑπὸ τοῖς πολεμίοις, τῷ ἀρχοντὶ τοῦ αἰῶνος τούτου καὶ ταῖς ὑπ' αὐτὸν πονηραῖς δυνάμεσι...ἔδωκεν οὖν ὁ Σωτὴρ τὸ ὑπέρ ἡμῶν λύτρον κ.τ.λ. The ἀπολύτρωσις may be twofold : (1) It may be *initial* and *immediate*, the liberation from the consequences of past sin and the inauguration of a new and independent life, as here ; so Rom. iii. 24, 1 Cor. i. 30, Col. i. 14, Heb. ix. 15 ; or (2) *future* and *final*, the ultimate emancipation from the power of evil in all its forms, as in Luke xxi. 28 ἐγγίζει ἡ ἀπολύτρωσις ὑμῶν, Rom. viii. 23 νιοθεσίαν ἀπεκδεχόμενοι, τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν τοῦ σώματος ἡμῶν ; comp. Heb. xi. 35. In this latter sense it is used below, ver. 14, and iv. 30 εἰς ἡμέραν ἀπολύτρωσεως.

[διὰ τοῦ αἵματος κ.τ.λ.] This is the ransom-money, the λύτρον (Matt. xx. 28, Mark x. 45), or ἀντιλυτρον (1 Tim. ii. 6), comp. Tit. ii. 14; the price τιμὴ (1 Cor. vi. 20, vii. 23) for which we were bought. This teaching is not confined to St Paul and the Pauline Epistle to the Hebrews, but is enunciated quite as emphatically by St Peter (1 Pet. i. 18, 19 Ἀντράθητε...τιμώ αἷματι ὡς ἀμνοῦ ἀμάρμον κ.τ.λ.) and St John (Rev. v. 9 ἡγόρασας τῷ Θεῷ ἐν τῷ αἵματι σου : comp. i. 5, vii. 14). So also Clem. Rom. 12 διὰ τοῦ αἵματος τοῦ Κυρίου λύτρωσις ἔσται πᾶσιν τοῖς πιστεύοντοι κ.τ.λ.

[τὴν ἄφεσιν κ.τ.λ.] See the note on Col. i. 14.

[κατὰ τὸ πλοῦτος κ.τ.λ.] The large ransom paid for our redemption is a measure of the wealth of God’s bounty : comp. ii. 7 τὸ ὑπερβάλλον πλοῦτος τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ ἐν χρηστότητι κ.τ.λ. (comp. iii. 8), Rom. ii. 4 τοῦ πλούτου τῆς χρηστότητος αὐτοῦ. For the neuter τὸ πλοῦτος, which has the highest support here and which St Paul uses interchangeably with the masculine ὁ πλοῦτος, see the note on Col. i. 27.

[τῆς χάριτος] See the note on ver. 5.

8. [ἥς ἐπεισσενεσ] ‘which He made to abound.’ It is perhaps best to take πεισσενειν transitively, as in 2 Cor. iv. 15, ix. 8, and 1 Thess. iii. 12 (where see the note). Hence the passive πεισσενεσθαι, which is correctly read in Luke xv. 17 ; comp. 1 Cor. viii. 8 (v. l.). In this case ᥫς

will stand for ἡν by attraction : see the note on ver. 6. The construction περιστεύειν τινος however is quite possible ; as in Ignat. *Pol.* 2 παντὸς χαρίσματος περιστεύης, Luke xv. 17 (v. 1). For περιστεύειν *els* comp. Rom. v. 15, 2 Cor. i. 5, ix. 8.

ἐν πάσῃ σοφίᾳ κ.τ.λ.] ‘in all wisdom and prudence.’ These are the attributes not, as some take it, of God the dispenser, but of the Christians the recipients. This will appear from several considerations. (1) The predication, thus elaborate and definite, would be an unmeaning truism, as applied to God. It differs wholly in character from ἡ πολυποίκιλος σοφία τοῦ Θεοῦ iii. 10, which is quite appropriate. (2) The main idea in the context is the knowledge with which the Christian is endowed, γνωρίσας ἡμῖν τὸ μυστήριον κ.τ.λ. (see the note on these words). (3) The parallel passage, Col. i. 9 ἵνα πληρωθῆτε τὴν ἐπίγνωσιν τοῦ θελήματος αὐτοῦ ἐν πάσῃ σοφίᾳ καὶ συνέσει κ.τ.λ., points very decidedly in this direction. See also Col. iii. 16 ἐν πάσῃ σοφίᾳ. Indeed it is in strict accordance with the general tenour of this and the companion Epistle to the Colossians, in which the higher knowledge of the Christian occupies a conspicuous place ; comp. e.g. ver. 17 below, and see *Colossians*, p. 98 sq. with the notes on Col. i. 9, 18, ii. 3, and on Philem. 6.

σοφίᾳ καὶ φρονήσει] ‘*wisdom and prudence*.’ While σοφία is the insight into the true nature of things, φρόνησις is the ability to discern modes of action with a view to their results : while σοφία is theoretical, φρόνησις is practical : comp. Prov. x. 23 ἡ δὲ σοφία ἀνδρὶ τίκτει φρόνησιν. For this distinction see Aristot. *Eth. Nic.* vi. 7 (p. 1141) ἡ σοφία ἔστι καὶ ἐπιστήμη καὶ νοῦς τῶν τιμωτάτων τῇ φύσει...ἡ δὲ φρόνησις περὶ τὰ ἀνθρώπινα καὶ περὶ ὧν ἔστι βουλεύσασθαι (with the whole context), *Eth. Magn.* i. 35 (p. 1197) ἡ μὲν γὰρ σοφία ἔστι περὶ τὰ μετ’ ἀποδείξεως καὶ ἀεὶ ὀσαύτως ὄντα, ἡ δὲ φρόνησις οὐ περὶ ταῦτα ἀλλὰ περὶ τὰ ἐν μεταβολῇ ὄντα...περὶ δὲ τὰ συμφέροντά ἔστιν ἡ φρόνησις, ἡ δὲ σοφία οὐ, Philo de *Præm. et Pœn.* 14 (II. p. 421) Σοφία μὲν γὰρ πρὸς θεράπειαν Θεοῦ, φρόνησις δὲ πρὸς ἀνθρωπίνου βίου διοίκησιν, Plut. *Mor.* p. 443 F τὸ μὲν περὶ τὸ ἀπλῶς ἔχοντα μάνον ἐπιστημονικὸν καὶ θεωρητικόν ἔστι, τὸ δὲ ἐν τοῖς πᾶσι ἔχοντι πρὸς ἡμᾶς βούλευτικὸν καὶ πρακτικόν· ἀρετὴ δὲ τούτου μὲν ἡ φρόνησις, ἐκείνου δὲ ἡ σοφία κ.τ.λ., Cic. *Off.* i. 43 ‘Princeps omnium virtutum est illa sapientia quam σοφίαν Graeci dicunt ; prudentiam enim, quam Graeci φρόνησιν dicunt, aliam quandam intelligimus, quae est rerum expetendarum fugiendarumque scientia : illa autem sapientia, quam principem dixi, rerum est divinarum atque humanarum scientia.’ See also the different accounts of the two words in [Plat.] *Defin.* p. 411 D, 414 B. While σοφία was defined by the Stoics to be ἐπιστήμη θείων τε καὶ ἀνθρωπίνων (see the note on Col. i. 9), the common definition of φρόνησις was ἐπιστήμη ἀγαθῶν καὶ κακῶν (Plut. *Mor.* 1066 D, Diog. Laert. vii. 92, Galen, *Op.* v. p. 595 Kühn, Stob. *Ecl.* ii. 6, p. 103, Sext. Empir. p. 720). Thus the serpent in Genesis (iii. 1) and the unjust steward in the parable (Luke xvi. 8) are credited with a high degree of φρόνησις, but they could hardly be called σοφοί. On the other

hand God is never designated *φρόνιμος* in the New Testament, though *φρόνησις* is sometimes ascribed to Him in the Old (Prov. iii. 19, Jer. x. 12, where it is used in antithetical clauses to balance *σοφία*). The two words *σοφία*, *φρόνησις* (*σοφός*, *φρόνιμος*) occur together also i Kings iii. 12, iv. 29, Prov. i. 2, viii. 1, Dan. i. 17, ii. 21 (Theod.), 23 (LXX.), besides the instances already quoted. For the relation of *σοφία* to other words see the notes on Col. i. 9, ii. 3.

9. *γνωρίσας*] ‘in that He made known.’ This explains and justifies the strong expression which has preceded, *ἐν πάσῃ σοφίᾳ κ.τ.λ.* The possession of the whole range of wisdom, theoretical and practical, was involved in the participation in this one mystery. Here is the great storehouse of all truth; comp. Col. ii. 3 *εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν τοῦ μυστηρίου τοῦ Θεοῦ, Χριστοῦ, ἐν φύσιν πάντες οἱ θησαυροὶ τῆς σοφίας καὶ γνώσεως ἀπόκρυφοι*, with the note.

τὸ μυστήριον] The subject of this mystery appears from the context. It is Christ as the Great Reconciler, not only of Jew and Gentile, but of heaven and earth. On the signification which this term more especially bears in the Epistles to the Colossians and Ephesians as implying the comprehensiveness, the universality, of the redemption in Christ, see the note on Col. i. 26. See also the same note for the general meaning of the term in St Paul, denoting ‘a truth which was once hidden but now is revealed.’ This meaning is brought out here by the participle *γνωρίσας*. For the expression comp. Judith ii. 2 *τὸ μυστήριον τῆς βουλῆς αὐτοῦ*, where however it is used in a lower sense.

κατὰ τὴν κ.τ.λ.] To be connected not with *τὸ μυστήριον*, but with *γνωρίσας*; comp. iii. 9 sq. *τοῦ μυστηρίου τοῦ ἀποκεκρυμμένου...* ἵνα γνωρισθῇ νῦν...κατὰ πρόθεσιν τῶν αἰώνων κ.τ.λ., Col. i. 26 *τὸ μυστήριον τὸ ἀποκεκρυμμένον...* νῦν δὲ ἔφανεράθη τοῖς ἀγίοις αὐτοῦ οἷς ἡθέλησεν ὁ Θεὸς γνωρίσαι κ.τ.λ. It is not the mystery itself, so much as the revelation of the mystery after God’s long reserve, which fills the Apostle’s mind with awe; see also Rom. xvi. 25. For *εὐδοκίαν* ‘purpose, design,’ see the note on ver. 5.

προέθετο] ‘set before Himself,’ and so ‘purposed, planned,’ not ‘pre-ordained’; comp. Rom. i. 13, iii. 25. The corresponding substantive *πρόθεσις* occurs, of God’s eternal purpose, just below, ver. 11, also iii. 11, Rom. viii. 28, ix. 11, 2 Tim. i. 9, and of a human purpose, Acts xi. 23, xxvii. 13, 2 Tim. iii. 10. The preposition in this word is not temporal, as in *προέγνω*, *προώρισεν*, but local. In the expression *ἄρτοι τῆς προβέσσεως* (Matt. xii. 4) the preposition is obviously local; and all usage points to a local meaning in the connexion in which it occurs here. The verb signifies sometimes ‘to propose,’ sometimes ‘to expose,’ but never ‘to fix beforehand.’ Its meaning is shown by its correspondence in meaning to *προκείσθαι*, e.g. Arist. *Top.* i. 1 (p. 100) *ἡ μὲν πρόθεσις τῆς πραγματείας...* κατὰ τὴν προκειμένην πραγματείαν.

ἐν αὐτῷ] i.e. ‘in Christ’; comp. ver. 4, iii. 11. This first *ἐν αὐτῷ* is an

anticipation of the *ἐν τῷ Χριστῷ* below, just as the second *ἐν αὐτῷ* (ver. 10) is a resumption of the same. The reading *ἐν αὐτῷ* (for *ἐν ἑαυτῷ*) is quite inadmissible in the Greek Testament (see the note on *eis αὐτὸν*, ver. 5); but even if it could stand, it would yield an inferior sense.

10. *eis oikonomian*] 'for the carrying out of a dispensation'; not 'the dispensation,' for the Apostle contemplates it, as it were, *ab extra*, as a thing hitherto unknown. On the two meanings of *oikonomia*, as (1) the system or method of administration, and (2) the office of an administrator or steward, see the note on Col. i. 25. Here it has the former sense. The same metaphor occurs in various relations elsewhere in the New Testament. God is the great *οἰκοδεσπότης* in not less than five parables (Matt. xiii. 27; Matt. xx. 1, 11; Matt. xxi. 33; Luke xiii. 25; Luke xiv. 21); the Church is the household of God (*οἶκος [τοῦ] Θεοῦ*, 1 Tim. iii. 15, Heb. iii. 2 sq., x. 21, 1 Pet. iv. 17); the believers are the members of this household (*οἰκεῖοι τοῦ Θεοῦ*, Ephes. ii. 19; comp. Gal. vi. 10); the ministers are the stewards or dispensers (*οἰκονόμοι*, 1 Cor. iv. 1 sq., Tit. i. 7). Accordingly the mode or plan of administering it is called *oikonomia*, *dispensatio*. In the parable of the Unjust Steward (Luke xvi. 1 sq.) the steward seems to be regarded as a freeman; in Luke xii. 42 sq. however the case is different (*ὁ πιστὸς οἰκονόμος, ὁ φρόνιμος, ὃν καταστήσει...μακάριος ὁ δοῦλος ἔκεινος κ.τ.λ.*), and this is the conception of his position adopted by St Paul in 1 Cor. ix. 17 *εἰ γὰρ ἔκὼν τοῦτο πράσσω, μισθὼν ἔχω· εἰ δὲ ἄκων, οἰκονομίαν πεπιστεύμαται*, 'I am God's slave entrusted with an important office: and a rigorous account will be required of me.' The *οἰκονόμοι*, 'vile,' 'actores,' 'dispensatores,' of the ancients were generally slaves (Marquardt *Röm. Alt.* v. 1, p. 143, comp. Becker *Charicles* III. p. 23 sq.). The connexion of the different parts of the metaphor is illustrated by Ign. *Ephes.* 6 πάντα ὃν πέμπει ὁ οἰκοδεσπότης *eis iδίαν οἰκονομίαν*.

But not only is the way paved for this application of the word in other applications of the metaphor by our Lord and His Apostles. The extended use of *oikonomia* in classical writers was also a further preparation. It had been commonly applied to the administration, more especially the financial administration, of a state, regarded as a great *οἰκία* (Aristot. *Pol.* iii. 14, p. 1285 *ώσπερ ἡ οἰκονομικὴ βασιλεία τις οἰκίας ἐστιν, οὐτως ἡ βασιλεία πόλεως καὶ ἔθνους ἐνὸς ἡ πλειόνων οἰκονομίᾳ*), to say nothing of other more remote uses (e.g. of military government, Polyb. vi. 12. 5; of the arrangement of topics in a speech or a poem or any other literary production, Dion. Hal. *de Isocr.* 4, Quintil. *Inst.* iii. 3, Aristot. *Poet.* 13; of the adjustment of the parts in a building, Vitruv. i. 2; of the diffusion of nourishment through the human body, Aretaeus, p. 305, ed. Kühn; and of administration or of distribution generally). The *βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν* had also its own *oikonomia*, its system or plan of administration by which its goods—its gifts and graces—were administered and dispensed. The central feature of this system was the Incarnation and Passion of the Son. Viewed objectively, and with

regard to the Giver, this was a dispensation of *grace*: viewed subjectively, and with regard to the recipient, it was a dispensation of *faith* (1 Tim. i. 4 οἰκονομίαν Θεοῦ τὴν ἐν πίστει). The ‘Word made flesh’ was the pivot of the world’s history, the key to the Divine administration of the universe. This was ‘the dispensation of the mystery which had been hidden from the beginning’ (iii. 9). Hence the fathers, starting from this application in St Paul, employ the word with a more and more direct and exclusive reference to the *Incarnation* and its attending consequences, till at length it becomes a technical term of patristic theology with this meaning; Ignat. *Ephes.* 18 ἐκυφορήθη ὑπὸ Μαρίας κατ’ οἰκονομίαν [Θεοῦ], comp. § 20 ἡς ἡρξάμην οἰκονομίας εἰς τὸν καινὸν ἀνθρωπὸν Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν; Justin *Dial.* 45 γεννηθῆναι σαρκοποιηθεὶς ὑπέμεινεν ἵνα διὰ τῆς οἰκονομίας κ.τ.λ., 120 κατὰ τὴν οἰκονομίαν τὴν διὰ τῆς παρθένου (comp. c. 67, 103); Athenag. *Suppl.* 21 καν σάρκα Θεὸς κατὰ θείαν οἰκονομίαν λάβῃ; Iren. i. 6. 1 ἀπὸ δὲ τῆς οἰκονομίας περιτεθεῖσθαι σῶμα; ib. i. 10. 3 τὴν...οἰκονομίαν τοῦ Θεοῦ τὴν ἐπὶ τῇ ἀνθρωπότητι γενομένην (comp. i. 7. 2, i. 14. 6, i. 15. 3); Origen c. *Cels.* ii. 9 ἐν γὰρ μᾶλιστα μετὰ τὴν οἰκονομίαν γεγένηται...ἡ ψυχὴ καὶ τὸ σῶμα Ἰησοῦ, ib. ii. 26 τίς γὰρ ἀν...ονειδίσαι ἐδύνατο ἡμῖν ἐπὶ τῷ τὸν Ἰησοῦν τοιαῦτα παρὰ τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ λελαληκέναι; ib. ii. 65 λαμπροτέρα γὰρ τὴν οἰκονομίαν τελέσαντος ἡ θεότης ἡν αὐτοῦ; Clem. Alex. *Strom.* ii. 5 (p. 439) Ἰσαάκ... τύπον ἐσόμενον ἡμῖν οἰκονομίας σωτηρίου. So at a later date Theodore can say, *Dial.* ii. (IV. p. 93) τὴν ἐνανθρώπησιν τοῦ Θεοῦ Δόγου καλούμεν οἰκονομίαν.

Hence we often find ἡ οἰκονομία used absolutely for ‘the Incarnation.’ Accordingly ἡ οἰκονομία is opposed to ἡ θεότης, when the human nature of Christ is contrasted with the Divine; e.g. Chrysost. *ad 1 Cor. Hom.* xxxix. (X. p. 368) ἀλλως, ὅταν περὶ τῆς θεότητος διαλέγηται μόνης, φθέγγεται, καὶ ἔτερως, ὅταν εἰς τὸν τῆς οἰκονομίας ἐμπέσῃ λόγον. So also this same writer *ad Matt. Hom.* i. (VII. p. 6) says of the first three Evangelists in contradistinction to St John that ἡ σπουδὴ γέγονεν τῷ τῆς οἰκονομίας ἐνδιατῆψαι λόγῳ καὶ τὰ τῆς θεότητος ἐκιδύνευεν ἀποσιωπᾶσθαι δόγματα. Similarly elsewhere θεολογία and οἰκονομία are opposed, as the two main divisions of theology in its wider sense, the former relating to the divine nature in itself, the latter to the incarnation and work of Christ, the dispensation in time; e.g. Greg. Naz. *Orat.* xxxviii. 8 (I. p. 668) ὅτι μὴ θεολογία τὸ προκείμενον ἡμῖν ἀλλ’ οἰκονομία. See Suicer, *Thes.* s.vv. θεολογία and οἰκονομία for examples. In this connexion the word is almost universally used by the fathers, where it occurs in a technical sense; and of this usage we have the germ in this passage of St Paul. During the Monarchian and Patripassian controversies however it was for a short time invested with a wholly different meaning, which had no connexion with its use in St Paul. As μοναρχία was used to express the absolute unity of the Godhead, so οἰκονομία designated the relations of the Divine Persons in the Godhead; e.g. Tertull. *adv. Prox.* 2 ‘nihilominus custodiatur οἰκονομία sacramentum, quae unitatem in trinitatem disponit,’ ib. 8 ‘Ita trinitas per consertos et connexos gradus a patre decurrentis et

monarchiae nihil obstrepit et οἰκονομίας statum protegit,' Hipp. c. *Noet.* 8 ὅσον μὲν κατὰ τὴν δύναμιν εἴς ἐστι θεός, ὅσον δὲ κατὰ τὴν οἰκονομίαν τριχῆς ἡ ἐπίδειξις; comp. Tatian *ad Græc.* 5. On this point see especially Gass, *Das patristische Wort οἰκονομία* in *Zeitschr. f. Wiss. Theol.* XVII. p. 478 sq. (1874). This application however was momentary and exceptional; and does not disturb the main current of usage which runs continuously in the channel cut for it by St Paul.

τὸν πληρώματος] 'which belongs to, which was brought about in, the fulness' etc. For the genitive expressing the time comp. Jude 6 *εἰς κρίσιν μεγάλης ἡμέρας*: comp. Plat. *Leg.* i. p. 633 C χειμώνων ἀνυποδησίαι καὶ διστρωσίαι (with Stallbaum's note). The absolute genitive of time, which is so common, e.g. *νυκτός*, *ἡμέρας*, etc., is only an extension to sentences of its rarer connexion with individual substantives which we have here. On the meaning of *πλήρωμα* as 'the full complement,' 'the complete tale,' see the detailed note on *Colossians*, p. 257 sq. On the sense in which the time of the Advent could be regarded as the *πλήρωμα τῶν καιρῶν* (or *τοῦ χρόνου*) see the note on Gal. iv. 4.

τῶν καιρῶν] 'of the seasons,' not *τοῦ χρόνου* as in Gal. iv. 4; comp. Mark i. 15 *πεπλήρωται ὁ καιρὸς καὶ ἥγγικεν ἡ βασιλεία τοῦ Θεοῦ*. Each season had its proper manifestation; till at length, when all the seasons had run out, the crowning dispensation itself was revealed. The summing up (*ἀνακεφαλαίωσις*) was impossible, until the *πλήρωμα* of the seasons had arrived. The idea involved in *τῶν καιρῶν*, as distinguished from *τοῦ χρόνου*, is substantially the same as in Heb. i. 1 *πολυμερῶς καὶ πολυτρόπως πάλαι ὁ Θεὸς λαλήσας...ἐπ' ἐσχάτου τῶν ἡμερῶν τούτων ἐλάλησεν ἡμῖν ἐν νίῳ*. For the meaning of *καιρός*, as superadding to *χρόνος* the idea of *adaptation* or *propriety*, see the note on 1 Thess. v. 1.

The words which follow show that in this expression, *τὸ πλήρωμα τῶν καιρῶν*, no separation is made between the first and second Advent. The Incarnation is regarded as the beginning of the end. The dispensation, contemplated as a *unity*, is contrasted with the several seasons which preceded. This mode of speaking accords with the language of the Apostles generally; the Gospel belongs to the end of the ages; it is the closing scene of the world's history: comp. e.g. Acts ii. 17, 1 Cor. x. 11, Heb. i. 2, 1 Pet. i. 20, 1 Joh. ii. 18, Jude 18. The *ἀνακεφαλαίωσις* began when the Word was made flesh, though the completion is still delayed.

ἀνακεφαλαιώσασθαι] 'so as to gather up in one.' The infinitive introduces the consequence: see notes on Col. i. 10, iv. 3, 6. In this compound, while the preposition (*ἀνά*) refers to the prior dispersion of the elements, the substantive (*κεφάλαιον*) describes the ultimate aggregation in one. Thus the whole compound involves the idea of *unity* effected out of *diversity*. It differs from *συγκεφαλαιώσθαι* (the two words occur together in Iren. v. 29. 2) only in the emphasis which is thus thrown on the several parts before the union is effected. The preposition has the same force as in *ἀναγνώσκειν*, *ἀνακρίνειν*, *ἀνακυκάνειν*, *ἀναλογίζεσθαι*, *ἀνα-*

μανθάνειν, ἀναμετρεῖν, ἀναπεμπάζειν, ἀνασκοπεῖν, ἀναστρέφεσθαι, etc., or in the distributive *ἀνὰ μέρος, ἀνὰ δυὸς*, etc., and implies the process of *going over* the separate elements for the purpose of uniting them. Others attribute to it the idea of *restoration, reunion*; and Tertullian insists strongly on this point; *de Monog.* 5 ‘*adeo in Christo omnia revocantur ad initium*,’ *ib.* 11 ‘*affirmat omnia ad initium recolligi in Christo*,’ *adv. Marc.* v. 17 ‘*recapitulare, id est, ad initium redigere vel ab initio recensere, etc.*’ So interpreted, it was a serviceable weapon against the dualism of Marcion, who maintained a direct opposition between the work of the Demiurge and the work of Christ. He had a right to press this idea in the corresponding word *ἀποκαταλλάσσειν* of the parallel passage, *Col.* i. 20, 21 (see the note there); but the sense of the preposition *ἀνὰ* here seems to be quite different. The verb *ἀνακεφαλαιοῦσθαι* has the following senses: (1) ‘to sum up,’ ‘to recapitulate’; Aristot. *Fragm.* 123 (p. 1499) *ἀνακεφαλαιώσασθαι πρὸς ἀνάμνησιν*: comp. Quint. *Inst.* vi. 1. 1 ‘*Rerum repetitio et congregatio, quae Graece dicitur ἀνακεφαλαίωσις, a quibusdam Latinorum enumeratio, et memoriam judicis reficit et totam simul causam ponit ante oculos, etc.*’ (2) ‘To comprise,’ *Rom. xiii. 9 εἰ τις ἐτέρᾳ ἐντολῇ, ἐν τῷ λόγῳ τούτῳ ἀνακεφαλαιοῦται*; (3) ‘To exhibit in a compendious form,’ and so ‘to reproduce,’ *Protev. Fac.* 13 *μήτι εἰς ἐμὲ ἀνεκεφαλαιώθη ἡ ἱστορία Ἀδάμ*; But in none of its senses does it involve the idea of bringing back to a former state. *Tί ἐστιν*, writes Chrysostom, *ἀνακεφαλαιώσασθαι; Συνάψαι*. The word cannot however contain any immediate reference to the headship of Christ, as this father goes on to suggest, since it is derived from *κεφάλαιον*, and not directly from *κεφαλή*. Thus the expression implies the entire harmony of the universe, which shall no longer contain alien and discordant elements, but of which all the parts shall find their centre and bond of union in Christ. Sin and death, sorrow and failure and suffering, shall cease. There shall be a new heaven and a new earth. Ps.-Hippol. c. *Beron.* 2 (p. 59 Lagarde), evidently referring to this passage, speaks of *τὸ μωτήριον τῆς αὐτοῦ σωματώσεως, ἡς ἔργον ἡ τῶν ὅλων ἐστὶν εἰς αὐτὸν ἀνακεφαλαιώσις*. There is also an obvious reference to it in a fragment of Justin Martyr’s *Treatise against Marcion*, quoted by Irenæus (iv. 6. 2) ‘*Quoniam ab uno Deo, qui et hunc mundum fecit et nos plasmavit et omnia continet et administrat, unigenitus Filius venit ad nos, suum plasma in semetipsum recapitulans etc.*’ The earlier fathers lay great stress on this idea, that the *ἀνακεφαλαίωσις* is effected by the Divine Word taking upon Himself the nature of His own creature; comp. e.g. *Iren.* iii. 21. 10 sq. Thus creation returns, as it were, unto Him from whom it issued forth. He is not only the *δι’ οὐ*, but also the *εἰς οὐ*; see the note on *Col.* i. 16, where other similar expressions in St Paul are given.

By this same term, *ἀνακεφαλαίωσις*, and with an obvious allusion to St Paul’s language, Irenæus describes the work of the Antichrist, who shall concentrate and summarize in himself all the elements of evil, all

the idolatry and all the wickedness, which have been since the beginning : v. 29. 2.

14. ἀρραβών] ‘an earnest,’ as in 2 Cor. i. 22, v. 5 τὸν ἀρραβῶνα τοῦ πνεύματος, where the word is used in the same connexion ; comp. Polyc. Phil. 8, Act. Thom. 51. It is a genuine Semitic word עַרְבָּן (derived from עַרְבָּע ‘to entwine,’ and so ‘to pledge’), and occurs in the Hebrew of Gen. xxxviii. 17, 18, 20, where it is transliterated, rather than translated, ἀρραβών, in the LXX. We might have imagined therefore that its use was derived from the Hebrew through the LXX. But it occurs at an earlier date in classical authors, e.g. Isaeus de Cir. her. 23, Aristotle Pol. i. 11 (p. 1259), Antiphanes Fragm. Com. III. p. 66 (Meineke), Menander, ib. IV. p. 268, 283 ; and we must therefore suppose that the Greeks derived it from the Phœnicians, as the great trading and seafaring people of antiquity (comp. Ezek. xxvii. 13). Though (so far as I can discover from the latest authorities) there is no trace of the word in extant Phœnician remains, yet the close alliance of this language with the Hebrew renders its Phœnician source highly probable. The relations between the Hebrews and the Greeks at an early age were too slight to suggest that the Greeks borrowed it from the Hebrews. Greece was chiefly known to the Hebrews as the great slave market, where the Phœnician traders sold their sons and daughters (Joel iii. 6, Is. lxvi. 19, Zech. ix. 13). The word was also introduced early into Latin (whether through the Greeks or through the Carthaginians, it is impossible to say), and occurs several times in Plautus. In earlier Latin there was a tendency to clip it at the beginning (Plaut. Truc. iii. 2. 20 A. ‘Perii, rabonem ! quam esse dicam hanc beluam ? Quin tu arrabonem dicis ?’ S. ‘Ar facio lucri’) ; whereas in the fashionable dialect of a later age it was systematically clipped at the end (A. Gell. xvii. 2 ‘Nunc arrabo in sordidis verbis haberi coepitus ac multo videtur sordidius arra, quamquam arra quoque veteres saepe dixerint et compluriens Laberius’). In this latter form it appears in the law books ; and so it has passed into the modern Romanic languages, arra, arrhes. The former mutilation may be compared with bus for omnibus ; the latter with mob, photo, etc. The word is also found in the Egyptian ἀρηβ.

It must be observed that the expression is not ἐνέχυρον ‘a pledge,’ but ἀρραβών ‘an earnest.’ In other words the thing given is related to the thing assured—the present to the hereafter—as a part to the whole. It is the same in kind. So Varro de L. L. iv. p. 41 ‘Arrabo sic dicta, ut reliquum reddatur. Hoc verbum a Graeco ἀρραβών reliquum ex eo quod debitum reliquit’ ; comp. Clem. Alex. Ecl. Proph. 12, p. 992 οὐτε γὰρ πᾶν κεκομίσμεθα οὐτε παντὸς υστεροῦμεν, ἀλλ’ οἷον ἀρραβῶνα ...προσειλῆφαμεν, Tertull. de Resurr. Carn. 53 ‘non arrabonem, sed plenitudinem’ ; see Pearson *On the Creed*, p. 615, note (ed. Chevallier). The patristic commentators on the passages in St Paul insist strongly on this force of ἀρραβών, and St Jerome more especially on this passage

complains that it is obliterated in the rendering of the Latin Version, though he himself has left ‘pignus’ in his own revision in all the three passages where the word occurs. Of the Latin fathers Tertullian gives ‘arrabo’ (*Resurr. Carn.* 51, *adv. Hermog.* 34, *adv. Marc.* v. 12); and Vigilius Thapsensis ‘arra’ (*de Trin.* xii.). The others give ‘pignus,’ in quoting the passages of St Paul. In Iren. v. 8. 1, though the translator gives ‘pignus,’ the meaning of Irenaeus himself is clear; ‘Quod et pignus dixit Apostolus (hoc est *pars ejus honoris*, qui a Deo nobis promissus est) in Epistola quae ad Ephesios est.’ Thus the expression ὁ ἀρραβών τοῦ πνεύματος includes the idea, which is elsewhere expressed by ἡ ἀπαρχὴ τοῦ πνεύματος (Rom. viii. 23), the *first-fruits* of a harvest to be reaped hereafter. The actual spiritual life of the Christian is the same in kind as his future glorified life; the kingdom of heaven is a present kingdom; the believer is already seated on the right hand of God: comp. the note on Col. i. 13, ii. 13, iii. 1—4, and see below, ii. 6. Nevertheless the present gift of the Spirit is only a *small fraction* of the future endowment. This idea also would be suggested by the usual relation between the earnest-money and the full payment; comp. Theophrast. in Stob. *Floril.* xlii. 22 (II. p. 168, Meineke) πολλαπλασία ἡ τιμὴ τοῦ ἀρραβόνος.

But the metaphor suggests, and doubtless was intended to suggest, another idea. The recipient of the earnest-money not only secures to himself the fulfilment of the compact from the giver, but he *pledges himself* to accomplish his side of the contract. By the very act of accepting the part payment, he has bound himself over to a certain reciprocation. The gift of the Spirit is not only a *privilege*, but also an *obligation*. This idea of an obligation is enforced in the context here, and in 2 Cor. i. 22, by the mention of the *sealing*; and in the latter passage it is still further emphasized by the reference to the *security* (ὁ βεβαιῶν ἡμᾶς...εἰς Χριστόν). The same idea appears again in iv. 30 μὴ λυπεῖτε τὸ πνεῦμα...ἐν φίσφραγίσθητε κ.τ.λ. The Spirit has, as it were, a lien upon us.

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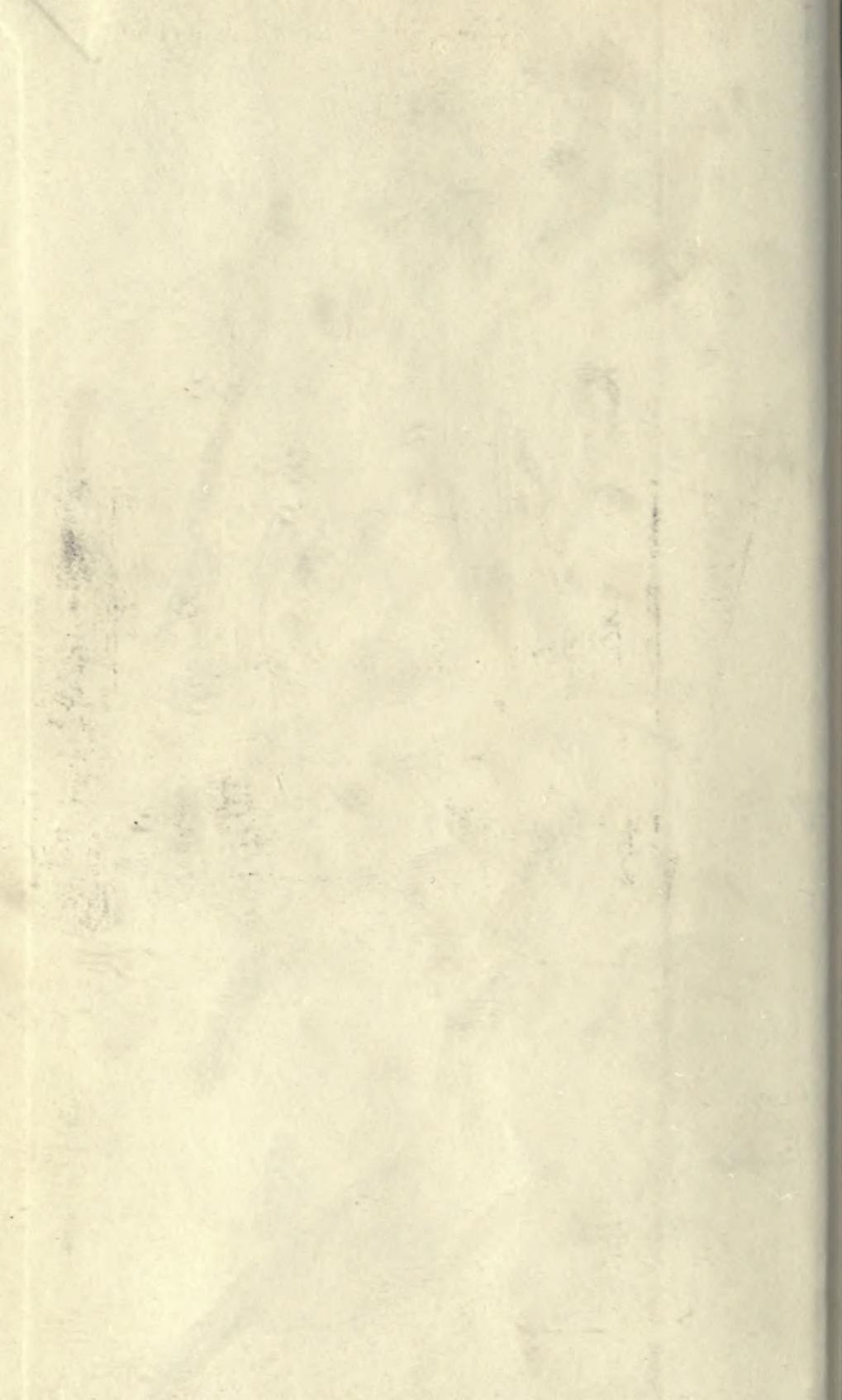
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